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## Doctors struggle to save Khomeini's life

NIQOSIA, June 3, (Agencies): Doctors fought to save the life of Iran's 86-year-old supreme leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, after a turn for the worse today in his recovery from major surgery.

A statement broadcast on Tehran Radio described the change in Khomeini's condition as a "complication" but gave no details. It said doctors were attempting to carry out the necessary treatment but it hoped and expected that the prayers of the people would be answered.

"We call on all the pious nation to continue their sincere prayers," the statement said.

On May 23 he underwent surgery, described as successful, to stop bleeding in his digestive tract. The cause of the bleeding has not been specified in medical bulletins from Tehran.

Today's setback in his post-operative treatment was announced in Tehran Radio's main evening news programme at 8 pm (1630 GMT) — five hours after it took place.

The official statement said that "at 3 pm today a complication arose during the imam's treatment."

The official announcement did not say in so many words that his life was in danger but major surgery is bound to be perilous for a man of Khomeini's age and the impression given by the official media was that his survival was uncertain.

Aside from news reports and brief film of earlier prayers for his recovery, Tehran Radio and Television continued broadcasting normal programmes.

There was no immediate indication that Iran's official media were preparing the nation for an announcement of his death.

But the report that Khomeini's condition had worsened made a sharp contrast with earlier medical bulletins stressing that he was making a normal recovery and taking solid food.

On Thursday, Tehran Television said that Khomeini got out of bed to visit with friends and relatives outside the hospital building. It showed film of the white-bearded leader sitting in the open air, performing his prayers.

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### Mischief wins

Nasser Al Nasser wows the judges with his mischief at last week's "Diplomats of Goodwill" contest held by the Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait. Nasser won the contest and the title of "Little Mr. Ambassador of Goodwill."

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(Photograph by Javed Basra)

### Kuwaiti girl found dead

A POLICE patrol attached to Ahmadi Governorate found the dead and naked body of an eight-year-old Kuwaiti girl near a company fence West of Fintas area.

According to reports in a local daily, the girl disappeared last Wednesday and her family had reported the disappearance to the police.

Investigations are under progress, but no details have been revealed, the daily added.

### FBI agent to visit Zia crash site

WASHINGTON, June 3, (AP): The FBI is sending an agent to the site of the August plane crash that killed Pakistani President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq and US Ambassador Arnold Raphel, an agency official confirmed.

The agent will be sent within a week, nearly 10 months after the investigation, said Oliver Revell, executive assistant director for investigations.

The aim will be to seek evidence at the site where the plane went down Aug 17, killing the two officials and 27 others, including Brig. Gen. Herbert Wasson, the chief US defence representative to Pakistan.

Pakistan's official report on the crash has been under review by the FBI since October. It concludes that sabotage was the cause but does not pinpoint those responsible.

Revell said the FBI has completed its review of the report.

He said the decision to keep the FBI out of the investigation appears to have come from within the National Security Council.

Congressman Bill Hughes has been critical of the FBI's exclusion from the investigation, saying it is the only agency with the expertise to determine whether Zia and Raphel were victims of terrorism.

## Massacre in Beijing

At least 55 killed, over 200 injured

BEIJING, June 4, (Agencies): Tanks and armoured personnel carriers rumbled into Beijing's Tiananmen Square in a dawn assault today, rolling over tents and shooting pro-democracy demonstrators, witnesses said.

Machine-gun fire raked the square.

The attack capped seven hours of a bloody attack aimed at retaking the square from protesters who held it for more than three weeks in a bid for political reform.

Explosions could be heard in the distance.

Doctors and witnesses said at least 55 people died and more than 200 were wounded in the assault around the city as troops smashed through barricades on their way to the square. Another 20 people died according to unconfirmed accounts.

Western witnesses said they saw limp bodies being carried from the square, the heart of Chinese communism. It was unclear how many people were killed or injured in the assault.



A Beijing citizen covers his face to protect himself from tear-gas.

### Bush deplores action

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine, June 3, (Reuters): President George Bush said today he deplored the Chinese government's decision to use force against protesters and urged a return to non-violence.

"I deeply deplore the decisions to use force against peaceful demonstrators and the consequent loss of life," Bush said in a written statement released by the White House while he vacationed at his seaside home here.

"We have been urging and continue to urge non-violence, restraint and dialogue," Bush said. "Tragically, another course has been chosen."

"Again, I urge a return to non-violent means for dealing with the current situation."

Bush, a former US envoy to China with close personal ties with Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, implied that the violence could damage Washington's relations with Beijing.

Earlier, Secretary of State James Baker urged Chinese officials and demonstrators today to use restraint.

"Unfortunately, the situation in China is turning ugly and chaotic," he said. "It is a situation that is not a happy one."

"This is a matter of great concern to the United States," Baker said. "Britain has called on the Chinese government to show restraint and avoid further bloodshed. We are gravely concerned at reports of violent clashes and loss of life," a Foreign Office spokesman said in London.

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Taiwan pop singer Hou Dejian, who had been in the square on a hunger strike for democracy, met with a Chinese troops commander and agreed that demonstrators would withdraw from the square by 7 am (2200 GMT Saturday), Western reporters said.

But the troops moved in more than one hour before the deadline and opened fire.

People fled into alleyways along the square as troops sitting on dozens of armoured personnel carriers fired in their direction, hitting some residents as they watched from their windows.

People shouted: "Fascists, hooligans" and "Kill Li Peng," China's Premier who declared martial law in parts of Beijing on May 20 to quell the anti-government protests.

Chinese demonstrators spoke of people being crushed under the tracks of the armoured vehicles, but this could not be confirmed independently.

The casualty toll was expected to climb as witnesses reported bodies lying in central Tiananmen Square and surrounding streets, the focal point of the greatest challenge to the communist government in its almost 40 years in rule.

Witnesses reported seeing dozens of three-wheeled pedicabs following in the wake of screaming ambulances, carrying an unknown number of casualties and counted at least seven dead bodies.

In the heart of the 100-acre (40 h) square, the world's largest public plaza, about 10,000 students and civilians, including four hunger-strikers, defied the massive show of military might and stood their ground at the foot of the Monument to the People's Heroes.

Students demanding greater democracy who have occupied the square in defiance of the martial law formed protective lines around foreign journalists on the top level of the monument's multi-tiered base.

At Shuili hospital, a foreign



Fate sealed: a beaten demonstrator staggers away from troops



A student with gunshot wound to the head is wheeled into a hospital. (Reuters wirephotos)

## Good times, bad times of Marcos look-alike

SILAY, Philippines, June 3, (AP): Crowds cheered when they saw Ferdinand Marcos waving to them on a campaign stop — or thought that's what they saw. That's one of the pleasant memories held by Marcos look-alike Jesus Quevenco.

Quevenco, an affable insurance executive, once had such an uncanny resemblance to Marcos that the former president called him "brod," or brother.

Quevenco, now 65, said he worked as a "stand-in" during Marcos' successful bid for the presidency in 1964 and 1965, appearing at rallies and meetings where his employer had decided not to speak.

The best part, he said, was getting the table of his choice at the best restaurants and sipping Marcos' beautiful wife, Imelda. The worst part was getting mistaken for Marcos years later when the former president's popularity plummeted.

But the resemblance was both a boon and a bane.

"When he was doing well, I was proud," he said. "But when he was doing bad, I got the beating."

During one visit to Manila, Quevenco and his friends showed up at the Playboy Club, announced that the president was arriving and demanded "that a table be cleared immediately."

The staff dutifully complied. Quevenco, finding himself surrounded by fawning waitresses seeking autographs, told them: "I'm just a brother."

But in 1972, when Marcos' popularity was low, Quevenco said he was nearly lynched when student protesters spotted him on a Manila street and began shouting "It's Marcos, it's Marcos."

"I was afraid," he said. "I ran down the street, ducked into a department store, got rid of my coat, bought a pair of glasses, and slipped away."

These days, Quevenco still gets some attention for his looks, though he bears less resemblance at present to the ailing former president who now lives in Hawaii. He says his friends still often tease him as "Mr. President."

He recently appeared in the role of Marcos, hooked up to intravenous tubes, in a civic club skit in his hometown titled "Straight from Hawaii."

Quevenco said he was introduced to Marcos in 1964 during a political rally here on Negros island. At the time, Marcos, then a senator, was campaigning for the Nacionalista Party nomination for president, which he won.

Quevenco went on to win the presidency on Nov 9, 1965, and held the office until he was ousted and forced into exile in Hawaii in a popular uprising.

## Manglapus complains Aquino opponents active

SAN FRANCISCO, June 3, (Reuters): Critics of Philippine President Corazon Aquino, trying to discredit her three-year-old government, are becoming more active in the United States, her Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus said.

Manglapus said in a speech to several hundred Filipino-Americans in San Francisco last night that the government had made significant economic progress since Ferdinand Marcos was deposed in February 1986.

"Now, a few Filipinos who have not allowed themselves to be brought into reality would like us to give all of this up, to bring us back to some form of dictatorship or third-rate banana republicanism," Manglapus said.

## Efforts to revitalize Kuwaiti economy

LONDON, June 3, (KUNA): Kuwait Central Bank Governor Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah said in a statement reported here today he expects a measure, currently being studied, for allowing debtors to trade in their collaterals at local banks to revitalise the local stock and real estate markets.

Sheikh Salem told the London-based Arabic daily Al Sharq Al Awsat that reactivation of the national economy has always been high on the government's priorities.

But he stressed that any proposals and recommendations would have to be closely scrutinised to ensure that they are consistent with the state's general economic policies.

The governor pointed out that bank profits this year mirrored the economic performance of these institutions, and bore witness to the sound monetary policies effected by the Central Bank.

Sheikh Salem expected the state budget for the current and next fiscal years to be in the red by KD1.6 billion (about \$5.6 billion).

### Income

Sheikh Salem pointed out that oil revenues account for the bulk of state income, adding that higher oil prices along with cuts in public expenditure and increases in non-oil proceeds would improve balance of the state budget.

In the interview, conducted in Kuwait, Sheikh Salem spoke of the benefits for local banks from the public borrowing instruments, Kuwaiti dinar denominated bonds and bills, floated by the Central Bank on behalf of the Finance Ministry.

He said local banks have built up sound and high yield portfolios by investing part of their liquidity in treasury bills and bonds.

Sheikh Salem signalled his approval of plans by local banks to mark up the surities of their clients, but indicated that the Central Bank does not have a magic touch to raise the value of assets.

## Iraq purges local govt. ministry

BAGHDAD, June 3, (Reuters): Iraqi President Saddam Hussein today ordered the retirement of six senior officials at the local government ministry, 24 hours after dismissing the minister.

A presidential decree read on Baghdad Television said two undersecretaries, two general directors and two engineers were retired.

No reason was given for the move. Political sources said the ministry proved inefficient during a major operation to rebuild the southern port of Basra, shattered during the eight-year war with Iran.

Basra's Governor, Anwar Saad Omar Al Hadihi, was appointed one of the new undersecretaries.

The Local Government Minister, Adnan Daoud Salman, was dismissed yesterday after almost six years in the job.

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# Reforms top priority: Uno

TOKYO, June 3, (Agencies): Prime Minister Souseke Uno spent his first full day in office today in a mixture of imperial tradition and fresh declarations that Japanese politics won't be the same any more.

Uno rejected the opinion of many commentators and the opposition parties that he would be only an interim prime minister.

"It is not an interim cabinet, and I can tell you that it will be a cabinet which will be highly appraised," he said.

Uno and the 20 members of his new cabinet, clad in morning suits, went to the imperial palace for a solemn audience with Emperor Akihito. Each member bowed to the monarch, who was receiving his first new government since he ascended the throne Jan 7 upon the death of his father, Emperor Hirohito.

Uno, 66, was foreign minister in the cabinet of his predecessor, Noboru Takeshita, and held a series of key posts in earlier governments. But he has no personal power base in his Liberal Democratic

Party. Uno today made reform his top priority to restore public faith after the country's worst post-war political scandal.

"I will carry out political, administrative, fiscal reforms and all reforms," Uno told a news conference.

In a first step, Uno said he and his 20 cabinet ministers would disclose not only their assets but those of their families as well. They would also restrain their share transactions and freeze currently-owned shares during their terms in office.

He said he was planning a body to promote political reform in the LDP and to appoint an LDP vice-president to take charge of the matter.

He said he would strive to tackle political reforms because they were the most important task facing his cabinet.

Takeshita stepped down after taking responsibility for the country's Recruit shares-for-favours scandal in which two parliamentarians were indicted for taking bribes.

## Security stepped up

### Frankfurt airport on alert

FRANKFURT, June 3, (AP): Authorities have stepped up security at Frankfurt airport after receiving indications that Middle East terrorists may be planning an attack, a spokesman said today.

Christian Jalek, spokesman for the Hesse state Interior Ministry, said the alert was linked to the sentencing last month of TWA hijacker Mohammed Ali Hamadi.

Hamadi, a Lebanese Shiite Muslim, was convicted of murder and air piracy in the June 1985 TWA hijacking and was sentenced to life imprisonment by a Frankfurt court on May 17.

Less than a week after Hamadi's sentencing, authorities ordered all airports in the country to tighten security.

Jalek said the latest alert came after authorities received indications that a terrorist group may be planning a retaliatory attack for Hamadi's sentencing.

He said the information received by authorities focused on a terrorist action against air traffic.

## Benazir - Bush talks will be vital

WASHINGTON, June 3, (UPI): The continuing war in Afghanistan, Pakistan's nuclear programme and its desire for more F-16 warplanes are expected to top the agenda during Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's meetings in Washington starting tomorrow.

Benazir, in her first official visit as prime minister to the United States, is a political paradox — a dominant woman leader in an Islamic country where women's backward status is reflected in a female literacy rate of only 16 per cent. A graduate of Radcliffe College and Oxford University, she also holds the cabinet portfolios for defence, finance and information.

Thomas Thornton, of the Johns Hopkins School of advanced international studies said, "Benazir Bhutto and George Bush are heirs to a relationship that has oscillated between periods of excessive enthusiasm and others of dangerous hostility."

### Signs

The relationship is now in one of its peaks of enthusiasm, but there are signs that it is heading for some rocky times, despite the evident enthusiasm of the US government about a US-educated, liberal young woman heading the government of a valued ally in South Asia.

The Pakistani Foreign Minister, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, who has been in Washington for the last week, laying the groundwork for the Benazir talks said last week "there will be in-depth discussions on Afghanistan, the regional situation, and Pakistan's relations with neighbouring countries," a reference to continuing strains with India.

He said Benazir would push for an additional 60 F-16 aircraft, to add to the 51 already in the Pakistani inventory. Pakistan has offered to pay cash for the planes, a deal that would amount to \$1.4 billion, but India has expressed uneasiness to the United States about the aircraft shifting the military balance in the area.

Pakistan is also seeking Harpoon ship-to-ship missiles, with an obvious eye toward matching India's naval superiority.

Another area of possible difference is the war in Afghanistan, which has continued despite the withdrawal in February of all Soviet ground combat troops.

The Afghan rebels who are being financed by the United States and Saudi Arabia, with weapons shipped through Pakistan, have failed to take the city of Jalalabad, and have suffered heavy casualties.

### Impatience

The battle is being directed by Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence Directorate, known as the ISI, which has tended to favour the more fundamentalist Afghan leaders. US intelligence officials have expressed impatience with the bogged down rebel campaign and have shown disquiet over the possibility that the mujahedeen are moving toward more radical forms of Islamic practices.

The Afghan refugees in Pakistan continue to be a source of instability and political problems for Benazir.



A worker is helped through the crowd after being bloodied in a clash. The helmet he is carrying fell off a soldier. (Reuter wirephoto)



Bodies of victims lying in a Beijing hospital. (Reuter wirephoto)

# 17 Sinhalese killed

## Police disperse Muslim protesters

COLOMBO, June 3, (AP): At least 17 Sinhalese men were shot and killed after their hands were tied behind their backs in separate attacks across Sri Lanka, military officials said yesterday.

Bodies of eight young men, who were shot in the head, were found Thursday by tea leaf pluckers in the Beragala tea plantation, the officials said.

Beragala, in central Sri Lanka, is 72 kilometres (45 miles) northeast of Colombo.

Four bodies were found Thursday in the southern town of Matara, 115 kilometres (72 miles) south of Colombo and five bodies were found in Kurunegala district, 58 kilometres (36 miles) northeast of the capital.

Meanwhile, police in Colombo fired tear gas shells yesterday to stop about 500 Muslim demonstrators from marching to the Indian high commission.

The marchers were protesting the alleged inaction of Indian peacekeeping troops during clashes between Muslims and Tamil militants in eastern Sri Lanka last month that left at least 13 people dead.

The peacekeeping troops are stationed in the northern and eastern regions to enforce law and order under the terms of an India-brokered peace accord of July 1987 that aimed to end the Tamil rebellion.

A previously unheard of Muslim group today claimed responsibility for a small bomb that exploded in front of the US Agency for International Development.

The homemade bomb, which exploded yesterday without causing any injuries, apparently was intended for the neighbouring Indian high commission.

Police said the homemade device was hurled from a moving vehicle at the high commission

the officials said.

They said all men were killed in similar fashion but did not give details.

Independent sources said the executions were carried out by pro-government vigilante groups which have reportedly killed earlier the members of an anti-government Sinhalese extremist organisation.

The ultranationalist Sinhalese militants are opposed to the government's peace overtures to Tamil rebels who are fighting to set up an independent nation in the country's northern and eastern areas. Most of the country's Tamils live in these two regions.

## Troop proposal baffles India

NEW DELHI, India, June 3, (Agencies): India said yesterday it was puzzled by Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa's proposal for the withdrawal of Indian peacekeeping troops by the end of July.

Premadasa told a Buddhist gathering Thursday he would like to see the last Indian soldiers leave Sri Lanka by July 30 and would take up the matter soon with Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

These things cannot be decided by calendars. They have to be decided by constitution," Foreign Ministry spokesman Arbab Seth told reporters.

Indian troops arrived in Sri Lanka on July 30, 1987, hours after Premadasa's predecessor, Junius R. Jayewardene, and Rajiv signed a peace accord aimed at ending a separatist war by the ethnic Tamil minority.

Seth said the withdrawal of the troops depended on "several parameters" that included limited autonomy for Sri Lanka's Tamil minority, as stipulated in the 1987 accord.

Seth quoted Rajiv as saying in April that India had to withdraw the bulk of its troops as soon as possible but there were still "some unresolved questions on the quality of devolution of powers" to the Tamils.

"We are therefore a little puzzled about the proposed request that is said to be in the process of being made," Seth said.

The chief minister of Sri Lanka's north-eastern Provincial Council Varatharaja Perumal said today he opposed the withdrawal of the troops from the north and east until the Provincial Council is granted full devolutionary powers.

India initially sent 3,000 soldiers to enforce the accord and disarm Tamil militants, but the troops strength swelled to 70,000 as the largest guerrilla group reneged on the agreement and continued its war.

The soldiers were deployed in the northern and eastern Sri Lanka where most of the island's Tamils live. An estimated 45,000 soldiers are still stationed there.

after riot police fired tear gas and bullets to disperse Muslim demonstrators. Newspaper offices today

received statements claiming responsibility for the bombing on behalf of the Nierul Islamic Liberation Front.

Muslims have accused Indian peacekeeping troops of failing to prevent clashes between Tamils and Muslims.

# Politicking banned in Lagos state after 10 die in riots

LAGOS, June 3, (AP): The military government has banned political activities in Lagos state after this week's riots in the capital left 10 people dead, supermarkets looted, and vehicles and public buildings burnt, Radio Nigeria reported.

The state-controlled radio quoted state police commissioner Malam Ahmadu Saidu as saying Thursday night the ban was needed "to allow sanity to prevail following violent demonstrations within the state."

In Lagos, where rioters rampaged for 10 hours Wednesday, police said 10 people died in clashes between rioters, cops and troops. At least 1,500 were arrested.

The rioters set on fire 63 vehicles and 23 government buildings, including those housing the Department of Internal Revenue, police said.

Saidu said those arrested included 15 politicians the government had banned from political activities, but he did not

identify them.

President Ibrahim Babangida's government has banned former politicians from taking part in a new civilian government, set to take power in 1992, on grounds they were responsible for the mess that provoked military intervention in December 1983.

The military then forbid political activities and only lifted the ban early last month.

In another development, one of the new

political parties formed after the ban was lifted issued a statement Thursday supporting opposing the government's economic policies.

Paschal Bafyau, president of the Labour Congress, however, condemned looting and damage to property.

The Congress had also on Wednesday issued a statement demanding "a realistic minimum wage to ease the hardship in Nigerian homes."

# At least 55 killed, over 200 injured

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correspondent was led by a group of workers to a room where 10 bodies lay on the bloody floor.

At least two security personnel were killed, one in a fierce battle between 1,000 People's Armed Police and thousands of enraged citizens outside the Minzu hotel at the city's western side.

The body was dumped in the hotel lobby along with nine security personnel bleeding profusely from wounds inflicted by blows from metal spikes civilians had ripped from decorative street dividers.

A People's Liberation Army soldier was killed after a tank swiped one of about seven trucks belonging to a 25-vehicle army convoy that was stopped by about 15,000 students and civilians as it tried to turn onto the main road leading to Tiananmen Square.

The soldier fell from the truck in an avalanche of equipment and smashed open his head on the roadway.

Soldiers on foot and in trucks sprayed indiscriminate gunfire and loosed flame-throwers, setting trees ablaze along the broad avenue of Eternal Peace as they converged from several points around the city on the downtown area, battling through crowds.

At Yongdingmen, in the city's south, a witness reported soldiers wielding bayonet-fixed rifles charging crowds of citizens who had erected barricades of buses and themselves.

"It's a sheer massacre," a Chinese journalist said.

The witnesses said troops used armoured personnel carriers to crash through barricades in a crushing assault on the pro-democracy crowds who controlled the square.

The troops fired as they moved and a Western reporter outside the square said people fleeing the soldiers screamed.

A few workers retaliated with primitive petrol bombs and set fire to two armoured personnel carriers. There were unconfirmed reports of burning jeeps and some troops casualties.

Near the square, a man climbed aboard a city bus and drove it towards a blazing armoured personnel carrier, but soldiers shot him dead and the bus crashed, a Western witness said.

A Chinese resident quoted doctors at Haijun Hospital as saying 16 people had died there from bullet wounds and 50 were injured. This could not be confirmed immediately.

"They keep coming in. I can't count them for you," said a doctor at Xiehe Hospital in the centre of Beijing.

"Huge crowds of people were singing and then gunfire broke out," said a Western reporter, describing a scene of carnage just east of the square on Beijing's main avenue of Eternal Peace, close to one of the city's biggest hotels.

"The crowd panicked. We all crouched low and bullets flew by. There were dead people on the ground. People died in the stampede. I saw four bodies," he said.

A woman watched her brother die and cried. An ambulance driver was dying of a bullet wound to his head.

Injured demonstrators were taken to safety on the backs of bicycle carts.

Students in the square pleaded over their loudspeaker system for troops to put down their weapons and negotiate.

"We call on you to put down your weapons and send representatives to the monument to hold talks ...." A message called out.

Other students carried a large drum onto the monument and began beating it slowly.

"You have to give up all hope," students broadcast over their loudspeaker at the monument. "You have to give your life to the movement," the announcer said as other sang the Internationale, the communist anthem.

A government loudspeaker on the square charged the students with "counterrevolutionary turmoil" and said the military was taking necessary means to end their rebellion.

Tiananmen Square itself appeared to be safer than most of the points around it, and no known injuries among students on the monument.

Just before a burning smell hung over Tiananmen, and although troops had cut off spotlights on the monument there were still speeches being made calling for conciliation on the loudspeaker system.

"Lots of blood has flowed. We have scored a great victory I believe," said Hou Dejian.

One woman who said she was married to one of the soldiers in Beijing said: "The People's Army has become a fascist army, pointing guns at their own people."

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### Going directly to jail

US marshals lead John E. List away from federal court in Richmond, Virginia after his arrest for the deaths of his mother, wife and three children.

FBI agents arrested List on Thursday in an accounting office in Richmond, Virginia, wrapping up a search that had led to all 50 states, Europe and South America.

The arrest came 11 days after the Fox Television Network in the United States broadcast details of List's case on a popular programme called, "America's Most Wanted."

The show re-enacted the slayings, and displayed photos of List from before the killings and a sculptor's bust of how

he might look now. One viewer called to say a man resembling List was living in the Richmond suburb of Midlothian, the FBI said.

List is accused of shooting to death his mother, Alma, 85; his wife, Helen, 45; and their three children, Patricia, 16, John Jr., 15, and Frederick, 13.

Their bodies were found Dec 7, 1971, in the family's 18-room mansion in Westfield, 10 miles southwest of Newark. Police said they found a confession written by List and addressed to his Lutheran minister on the dining table.

(Reuters wirephoto)

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

**BURY ST EDMUNDS, England:** Rolling Stone Bill Wyman, 52, married his teen-age sweetheart, Mandy Smith, 19, in a secret ceremony in a quiet English market town on Friday, his press agent said.

Wyman, bass guitarist with the Stones since they rocketed to fame in the 1960s, had been due to seal the knot in a publicised white wedding in London next Monday.

At the last minute he and his bride opted for the anonymity of a register office in Bury St Edmunds, in eastern England.

"Bill and Mandy wanted to get away from the Fleet Street (press) mob and slipped up to the quiet market town," said press agent Nick Massey. (Reuters)

**LONDON:** The future of the Mappa Mundi, a 13th century map of the world prized as one of Britain's greatest medieval treasures, was in jeopardy again on Friday but a fundraising official said it may be saved from sale overseas by anonymous benefactors.

News of the reprieve came hours after the announcement that a special share issue aimed at saving the Mappa Mundi from auction had failed. (Reuters)

**PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island:** A man who said he began by shooting at streetlights but started aiming at people when it "got boring" was convicted Friday in a series of slayings that terrorized communities in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

A superior court jury found Russell J. Dusharme II guilty on 30 of 36 counts, including eight counts of assault with intent to commit murder and seven counts of conspiracy to commit murder during late 1986 and early 1987. He was also found guilty of a series of arson and break-ins in the summer of 1987. He faces a maximum sentence of two life terms in prison plus 355 years. (AP)

**NEW ORLEANS:** The rusting gondola that whisked 1984 world's fair visitors on a breathtaking ride high over the Mississippi river was seized by US marshals Friday for non-payment of a long-overdue loan.

The move fueled speculation that the gondola, strung nearly 400 feet over the river, might be reopened or sold to another river city. It was closed soon after the fair ended in November 1984. (AP)

**LONDON:** Nearly 30,000 heart attack patients will take part from next month in an international trial to compare the merits of three heart drugs costing from 80 pence to 800 pence a treatment, it was reported here Friday.

The trial will be co-ordinated from Oxford, southern England, and will last for more than two years.

For the first time patients in Eastern bloc countries including Poland, East Germany and hopefully the Soviet Union will join in. (KUNA)

**CLEVELAND, Ohio:** Municipal judge Carl Stokes, a former mayor of the city, was accused Friday night of shoplifting \$12.5 worth of dog food from a pet store in suburban Shaker Heights.

The owner of the pet shop filed the complaint of petty theft, alleging Stokes left the store without paying for a bag of dog food. But store owner, Kim Litke, had no comment when questioned by WKYC-TV, the station reported.

The station also said Stokes denied taking the dog food, but the city's police chief, Walter Ugrunic, said there were some witnesses.

"We have a suspect and he's identified as Carl B. Stokes," Ugrunic said. (UPI)

**HONOLULU:** The US Customs Service is investigating seven questionable shipments of macadamia nuts from West Germany, representative Daniel Akaka, Democrat of Hawaii said Friday.

The shipments of macadamia nuts, which are an export crop in Hawaii, are listed as originating in West Germany — but Germany does not grow macadamia nuts, Akaka said.

Customs agent Bob Coppe of the Commercial Fraud Enforcement Centre said most macadamia nuts shipped through Europe and Asia are listed as being grown in nations such as Malawi, Kenya, and Australia, Akaka said. (UPI)

**SAN FRANCISCO:** Navy authorities Friday heard arguments on whether to court-martial a sailor who went AWOL in Ohio 20 years ago, leaving behind a wife and child to start a new life in San Francisco.

Navy Cmdr David W. Padden indicated he would recommend next week whether Charles Smith, be tried on charges of desertion and of using a controlled substance, marijuana.

Smith could face up to seven years in military prison if found guilty. The substance charges stem from a urine test performed when Smith turned himself in last month. (UPI)

**PITTSBURGH:** Wanted: Lonely single female lowland gorilla seeks career-minded male lowland gorilla whose likes include Pittsburgh wildlife, romantic fruit and banana dinners, prying zoo keepers and plexiglass cages.

Animal keepers at the Pittsburgh zoo have been playing cupid for Zakala, a female lowland gorilla, and hope they have found a true love connection with Hercules, a male lowland gorilla on exhibit at the National zoo in Washington, DC.

The Baltimore zoo, which owns Hercules, has agreed to lend him to Pittsburgh in an open-ended breeding loan agreement, said Pittsburgh zoo director Charles Wickenhauser.

Hercules is scheduled to move in later this month, Wickenhauser said Friday. (UPI)

**MEXICO CITY:** A federal narcotics agent was charged with drug trafficking Friday after he said spirits forced him to become involved with a sect of drug-smuggling ritual killers.

Salvador Vidal Garcia Alarcon, 39, a federal judicial police officer, told authorities his involvement with the sect was limited to witchcraft and had nothing to do with drugs or the gruesome murders uncovered at a ranch in Matamoros in April.

Vidal Garcia, arrested earlier this week, pleaded innocent to the cocaine trafficking charge in the 7th federal criminal court in Mexico City. Conviction can bring a penalty of seven to 25 years in prison. (AP)

**CHICAGO:** The city of Chicago and state of Illinois often fail to see eye-to-eye. But this time it's costing \$309,000 because tunnel links intended to connect a city and a state building don't line up.

"It's very embarrassing," said John C. Hill, a city architect. "It's like the railroad to nowhere not meeting or a bridge misaligned in mid-span because contractors at either end screwed up."

The city hired contractors to build half of the Pedway tunnel and the state had its own contractors handle the other half to link the two downtown buildings, City Hall and the State of Illinois Center. (AP)

**KANSAS CITY, Missouri:** A student from Bangladesh has pleaded guilty to selling the hide of a rare Bengal tiger. Zeeshan Saif pleaded guilty in US district court Thursday to selling an endangered species. He was charged with selling the nine-foot (275 cms) hide for \$20,000 to undercover agents of the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

It is estimated that there are between 5,000 and 7,000 Bengal tigers alive. (AP)

**WASHINGTON:** Investigators of the April 19 explosion of the US battleship Iowa are focusing on a sailor who showed a timing device to a crewmate and said he could use it to set off the ship's gunpowder. NBC News reported.

"If you've got to go, go in a blast. You go quick. You go painless," a witness said he was told by gunner's mate Clayton Hartwig, who was among 47 sailors killed in the explosion, according to the television news report Friday night.

NBC quoted unidentified Navy investigators as saying Hartwig was the last man to touch the gunpowder that exploded in the ship's second turret. (AP)

**LONDON:** The remains of William Shakespeare's 16th century Rose Theatre were won a reprieve from the bulldozers on Friday, but campaigners fighting to save the site said it was still in danger.

Property firm Imry Merchant said instead of building directly on top of the remains, they would erect a planned office block on huge stilts above the site at an extra cost of 10 million pounds (\$15.9 million dollars).

"What we have done is achieve the goal we set ourselves to preserve and protect the theatre remains," Imry managing director Martin Myers said. (Reuters)

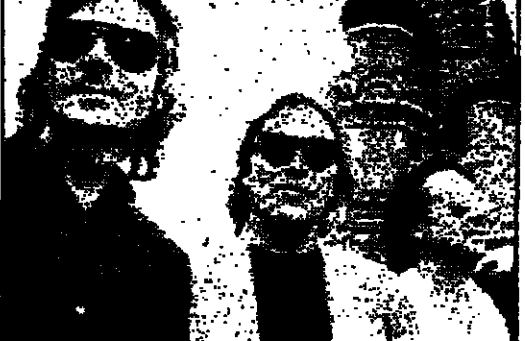
**LONDON:** A trout called Tiddles has been banned from a British aquarium after leaping into a neighbouring tank and devouring six piranhas — the world's most ferocious freshwater fish.

The razor-toothed piranhas — prize attraction at the aquarium in Watlington, Somerset — were no match for Tiddles, a hefty eight-pound (four-kg) trout.

He downed six of the 17 in the tank before staff scooped him out. (Reuters)

**TRAVERSE CITY, Michigan:** A top General Motors Corp executive is urging the nation to look at what the giant carmaker calls an "intelligent vehicle/highway system" to help deal with growing traffic congestion problems.

The United States must express the same urgency in dealing with traffic congestion as the Europeans and Japanese do, GM executive vice-president Alan Smith said in remarks prepared for an address Saturday to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), in Traverse City. (UPI)



### Rock at Red Square

Members of the British rock group Pink Floyd go for a walk near Moscow's Red Square before giving a series of concerts in the Soviet capital. The band members are (left to right) Rick Wright, David Gilmour and Nick Mason. The concerts were scheduled to begin yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

# Great expectations leave Japanese single

TOKYO, June 3, (Reuters): Japanese men want to be pampered by doting women. Japanese women want equality with their husbands.

As a result, a growing number of both sexes remains single rather than settle for less.

Japanese Health Ministry statistics show the percentage of single Japanese in the 30-34 age group has increased over the past 10 years.

A survey found 28 per cent of men in this age bracket are now single compared with 14 per cent 10 years ago. It found that 10 per cent of women are single compared with 8 per cent a decade ago.

"On top of the fact there are about half a

million more men than women of marriageable age, men have failed to change their conservative ideas of women," said Masako Koyama, a director of Academic Unicharm Company, Tokyo matchmakers.

"They do not know how to deal with women. This makes it very difficult for men to find a wife," she said.

"Men are hoping to find an obedient woman who will take the place of their mothers to look after them. Women, becoming more independent, want equal partners who can contribute to a mutually better life," she added.

Although only 5 per cent of unmarried Japanese want to remain single, 40 per cent

of men and 20 per cent of women in the 30-34 age group in Tokyo are single, the Health Ministry survey said.

Young women no longer see establishing a family and raising children as the only task of their lives. They want to work and to develop their own careers outside the home.

Yoko Hatamoto, a director of Nippon Seinenkan, a marriage consultancy, said: "The time is over when men could expect somebody to marry them just because they are hard workers and sincere."

"Girls today are not brought up to be a good wife and a wise mother as in the old proverb. They are looking for freedom," she said.

Experts said another problem is that Japanese men are too attached to their home-bound mothers.

Japanese women have become very demanding, experts say. They dream of women and marriages they see on television.

"Japanese women tend to pretend to be the sweet woman of the old image when it is convenient. They do not want to take the initiative though they are irritated by men's lack of ability to do so," Academic Unicharm's Koyama said.

The consultants said opportunities for social contact and to build relationships are decreasing in Japan with both men and women having less time outside their jobs.

## It's a matter of money

# Loving couple to divorce

LINCOLN, Nebraska, June 3, (UPI): A minister and his paralyzed wife of 32 years plan to get divorced next week because their income is too high as a married couple to qualify for Medicaid.

The Rev. Lincoln Justice, 60, and his spouse, Rose Marie, 56, are seeking Medicaid benefits to pay for 24-hour home nursing care for the wife.

Their annual income as a couple is less than \$20,000, too low to afford such care, but too high to be eligible for Medicaid.

So the couple plans to end their marriage during a 15-minute appearance in Lancaster County District Court on Monday, leaving them needy enough as individuals to qualify for government benefits.

"They can't stop us from loving each other," Justice said today. "We will simply be treated as separate

individuals."

A property settlement has been worked out for Mrs Justice to have assets of less than \$2,000. She will make less the maximum allowable for Medicaid — \$392 a month, most of which will come from Social Security.

"She cannot qualify if we remain married and I continue my work because of our income level as a couple. Both of us would have to go into poverty," said Justice, a minister at Lakeview United Methodist Church in Lincoln.

The couple, who have three grown children and three grandchildren, plan a ceremony at Trinity United Methodist Church June 11 to "mark the end of our marriage and reaffirm our love for each other," he said.

# Technique simplifies transfers of genes

BOSTON, June 3, (AP): A new biological technique should simplify the slow and difficult task of shifting genes between creatures and perhaps help scientists create healthier, faster-growing farm animals, experts said today.

"If it's true, it will make life easier," said Dr Richard Hynes of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The new method uses nature's own gene carrier, spermatozoa, to piggyback foreign genes from one animal to another.

Scientists at many labs have already become adept at shifting genes using other techniques, and they have created animals with many unique properties never envisioned by nature.

Such so-called transgenic animals may have many virtues engineered into them, such as leaner meat, resistance to disease and faster growth.

In the new method, sperm were incubated with foreign genetic material, or DNA, in a test tube. Some of the sperm captured the foreign genes. When these sperm fertilized eggs, they passed along the hitchhiking genes, which became part of the new animals' permanent genetic code.

"If sperm will really carry DNA in, it will make it easier than all the trouble we have to go through now to get genes in," said Hynes.

The technique was developed by Dr Corrado Spadafora of the Institute of Biomedical Technology at the University of Rome. A report on the work was published in yesterday's issue of The Journal Cell, based in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

In an accompanying editorial in the Journal, Dr Max Bammel of the Research Institute of Molecular Pathology in Vienna wrote that "If confirmed by others, this publication will be a cornerstone in biology."

Experts said the work also suggests that sperm may be a natural point of entry for foreign genes. This may help explain how genetically controlled traits could have passed between animals over the course of evolutionary change.

When used in mice, researchers were able to transfer bacterial genes that produce an enzyme. Of 250 mice born from treated sperm, 30 per cent showed the presence of the foreign genes.

The scientists checked for the mice's ability to produce the bacterial enzyme and found that the new genes appeared to be passed on to later generations.

Dr Mario Capecchi of the University of Utah said that with lab mice, the new technique is simpler and cheaper but probably no more efficient than the current technique, which involves microscopically injecting foreign genes into one-cell embryos.

"I don't think it will affect mouse biology, but where it may have a big advance is where people are making transgenic domestic animals, such as cows and sheep," Capecchi said.



Bisset: free spirit

# Beautiful Bisset takes on comedy

## Stars in racy film

LOS ANGELES, June 3, (Reuters): Among all her glamorous screen roles, Jacqueline Bisset has never come close to playing "one of the best cleaning ladies of the Western world."

But the star of such films as "Bullitt" and "The Deep" says that's what she is in real life.

"My perception of myself is as a constant sort of 'tidier-upper', scrubbing floors and doing all kinds of things like that," she said in an interview. "People don't believe this stuff."

Bisset, 43, says her sexy, screen siren image never bothered her. "I just thought it was hilarious," she said. "I was delighted anybody thought I was anything."

But at this point in a career that has spanned more than 20 years, she is ready to modify some public perceptions about her and reveal more of what lies beneath the surface of her famous grey-green eyes and classic cheekbones.

"In some ways, I'm much more of a free spirit than people realise, much more," she said, looking glamorous even in faded denim. "It's not something I've really dealt with on film."

"I still haven't found a part where I can really let go in terms of the energy there."

She comes close in her new film, "Scenes from the Class Struggle in Beverly Hills," a raunchy comedy about the adulterous antics of the rich and not so famous in the exclusive movie star community.

In the film, to be released on Wednesday in the United States, Bisset plays Clare Lipkin, a recently widowed former soap opera star desperate to make a show business comeback. It is a part that Bisset admits she was surprised to be offered.

"I can't imagine what it was, I wouldn't have thought of me," she said, relaxing on a sofa at her rustic Beverly Hills home, which is a far cry from Clare Lipkin's opulent mansion.

The film's director, Paul Bartel, said he was "just knocked off my feet" by Bisset when he met her to discuss the part.

Clare marks possibly the most radical departure from the type of role that has made English-born Bisset one of Hollywood's most glamorous and durable actresses.

She appeared as the love interest for such male stars as Steve McQueen in "Bullitt" and Ryan O'Neal in "The Thief Who Came to Dinner." In the underwater thriller "The Deep," her biggest hit, she revealed more of herself than ever before in a notorious wet T-shirt scene.

Bisset also starred as Jacqueline Onassis in "The Greek Tycoon" and as Napoleon's wife Josephine and Anna Karenina in television mini-series.

But her career has also included more demanding roles, in Francois Truffaut's "Day for Night" and John Huston's "Under the Volcano," and in recent years she has gravitated toward less commercial films such as last year's "High Season."

"I seem to be attracting those kinds of film-makers," Bisset said. "I wouldn't say more artistic, maybe more experimental. I'm basically an adventurous person, I'll say, 'what have I got to lose?'"

"The more adventurous I feel, the better I seem to come out of it."

The adventure of "Scenes from a Class Struggle" involved trying her hand at comedy and spitting out profanities with great relish.

# Next stop Rome for design wizard

## Meet Japan's finest

TOKYO, June 3, (Reuters): Rome was not built in a day and eminent Japanese architect Kenzo Tange has been commissioned to add a huge park to help it survive several more millennia.

Tange, at 76 one of the world's best-known living architects, will soon embark on one of the greatest challenges in his career of more than 40 years.

He intends to lure businesses away from the overburdened historic centre of Rome, clogged by traffic, to a new 800-hectare (2,000-acre) industrial park in the city's eastern reaches.

The project, commissioned by the Italian government and the city of Rome, is designed to ease the wear and tear on the eternal city's ancient monuments and buildings caused by heavy commuter traffic and routine use.

"At first things were difficult, because the Italian newspapers wanted to know why a Japanese was picked for the project," Tange said. Opposition had since faded away, he added.

Born the third son of eight children on rural Shikoku Island, Tange has been Japan's undisputed architectural master since his first project in 1946.

His debut was the master plan for the rebuilding of Hiroshima, destroyed by the world's first atomic attack.

Throughout his career, his architectural trademark has been a boldly spare and elegant style, an ingenious blend of Japanese and Western aesthetic principles.

The 1964 Olympic Stadium in Tokyo is a typical example, with wing-like eaves which stretch to the sky like a dove in flight.

A graduate of Tokyo University, Tange said he has never aspired to follow in the illustrious footsteps of living mentors.

Instead he looks for inspiration to Italian renaissance artist Michelangelo and modern Swiss architect Charles Edouard Jeanneret, better known as Le Corbusier.

"I first decided architecture was for me when I saw Le Cor-



Tange: challenged

buser's designs in a Japanese magazine in the 1930s," Tange said in an interview at his 10th-floor office overlooking the lush gardens of Togu Palace, the former residence of Emperor Akihito.

Soft-spoken and delicately-boned, this man who has built (for kings, princes and prime ministers) said he always has a multitude of projects going at once.

He said he rarely has time to exercise and, something unusual for a Japanese businessman, detests golf.

"I get other people to exercise me by getting massage — Shiatsu and the like," Tange said. "I'm lazy."

In his long career Tange and his associates have been responsible for more than 130 major projects.

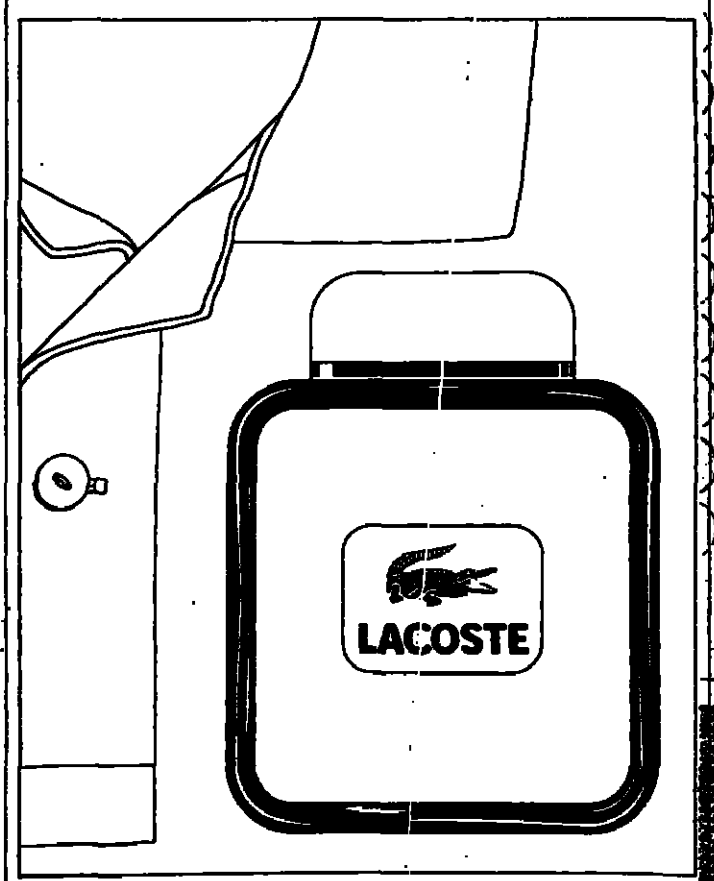
His architectural credits range from the city plan for Bandar Seri Begawan in the sultanate of Brunei to Tokyo's 1964 Olympic Stadium.

His design company is involved in building Tokyo's new city hall and an ambitious landfill project in the middle of Tokyo Bay which will expand the area of the crowded megalopolis by a badly-needed 2,000 hectares (5,000 acres).

Jordan's King Hussein and Queen Noor will someday live in a palace Tange is currently building for them.

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# Memorizing numbers easy as pi for Indian

WICHITA, Kansas, June 3, (AP): Remembering is a piece of pi for Srinivasan Mahadevan.

Mahadevan's extraordinary memory has allowed him to memorise the first 35,000 digits of pi — the theoretically infinite computation of the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter.

Mahadevan, an Indian-born graduate student at Kansas State

University in Manhattan, is trying to become the fourth person to remember the first 100,000 digits of pi and is the subject of a \$157,000 study.

Researchers hope to find out how Mahadevan's amazing memory works. The answer may shed light on how other people remember things.

Four students with average memories are being studied as a

control group. They can usually remember seven to eight numbers that are flashed quickly on a screen or spoken. Anything above 10 is considered exceptional.

Mahadevan typically tallies about 38 if he sees the numbers, about 50 if he hears them.

That's under clinical conditions. Vogl says Mahadevan usually scores much better, as many as 105, in the less inhibiting

atmosphere of the local watering holes where he has been known to win some astounding bar bets.

The 30-year-old native of Mangalore, India, thinks heredity and his childhood environment both played significant roles. "My father knows all 37 plays and 150 sonnets of William Shakespeare by heart, so I think there is a genetic basis for it."



## INTERNATIONAL

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## 11 killed

MANILA, June 3. (UPI): Flash floods and a tornado killed 11 people and brought to 19 the number of dead from monsoon rains battering the southern Philippines, relief officials said today.

Four others were reported missing, and the plight of 21 missing since Tuesday was still unknown, they said.

Officials said floods washed away 150 houses yesterday and forced 4,000 people to flee to evacuation centres in the town of Malita in Davao del Sur province, 650 miles south of Manila.

## Bus overturns

SUKKUR, June 3. (AP): A speeding bus full of wedding celebrants overturned on a curve near this southern Pakistani city, killing 15 people and injuring 25, officials said today.

Police, speaking on the usual condition of anonymity, said the accident occurred early yesterday when the driver apparently attempted the turn too fast.

## Ending apartheid

BONN, June 3. (AP): South African Foreign Minister P. W. Botha was quoted today as saying that his government was in the process of eliminating racial discrimination and was ready to share power with the black majority.

"Apartheid has to be removed. The supremacy of whites must be ended," Botha was quoted as saying in an interview with the conservative West German newspaper Welt am Sonntag.

## Duplicate fusion test

TOKYO, June 3. (Reuters): Two Japanese scientists claimed they had succeeded in duplicating a test of nuclear fusion conducted by electrochemists in the United States. Japan's national television network NHK reported today.

NHK said Tadahiko Mizuno and Tadashi Akimoto, assistants in the Atomic Engineering Department of Hokkaido University, confirmed an emission of neutrons a maximum of 20 times higher than the number of naturally-existing neutrons after 19 days of electrolysis.

## Bomb kills four

DHAKA, June 3. (Reuters): A powerful bomb killed at least four people and injured a dozen in southern Bangladesh when a rival party tribal rebels have vowed to disrupt elections due on June 25, officials said today.

They said the bombs planted by suspected Shanti Bahini (peace force) rebels went off at a crowded tea stall in Langadu sub-district in Chittagong Hill Tracts last night.

## Sikh extremist killed

CHANDIGARH, India, June 3. (Reuters): A Sikh extremist wanted for 12 murders and with a 110,000 rupee (\$6,250) price on his head was killed in a gun battle with Punjab police yesterday.

Police said Charanjit Singh, killed in Ropar district, was one of 12 people killed in 24 hours in the north Indian state, where militants are waging an armed campaign for a separate Sikh homeland.

Two Sikh extremists and three members of one family were among the other 11. More than 800 people have died in Punjab so far this year.

## Traffic camera

LONDON, June 3. (KUNA): Motorists jumping red lights here should watch out their offences could be caught on film, it was reported today.

Cameras are to be set up overlooking traffic lights at busy London trunk road sites, the British Department of Transport announced. Any evidence they capture could be used in a prosecution of offenders.

## Quality of water

PARIS, June 3. (KUNA): Before planning a summer vacation on France's coastal regions, a tourist must read a government report on the quality of water in his preferred beach.

According to a government report published here today, twenty three per cent of the beaches are reconsidered polluted and hazardous for the health of swimmers.

## Surinam rebels

PARAMARIBO, June 3. (Reuters): Surinam rebels have seized a hydroelectric dam which they are threatening to blow up if their demands are not met and are holding hostage 26 employees of a US-owned company, the state-owned Surinam news agency said yesterday.

## Hunger strike

WINCHESTER, England, June 3. (Reuters): Eleven jailed Kurdish refugees seeking political asylum have gone on hunger strike to protest at their treatment by the British authorities, a prison official said yesterday.

## BBC opinion poll

LONDON, June 3. (KUNA): Britain's main opposition Labour Party is running neck and neck with the ruling Conservatives, according to a BBC opinion poll here.

Labour has gained three points over the past month and has pulled level for the first time since the general election in June 1987.



Two ethnic Turkish children were among the hundreds expelled from Bulgaria.

## More Turks expelled

Bulgarian atrocity

## End assimilation

ANKARA, June 3. (Reuters): Bulgaria expelled 340 more ethnic Turks today, border officials said, amid mounting Turkish indignation at Bulgaria's treatment of the minority.

"The Bulgarians, cruel as the Nazis," said the headline of the mass-circulation Hurriyet newspaper.

Bulgaria has deported at least 1,000 ethnic Turks to Turkey since May 6, apparently for joining hunger strikes and other protests against Sofia's forced assimilation campaign.

Emotional scenes greeted those sent across the border by train from communist Bulgaria to NATO-member Turkey today.

"If Bulgaria sends a million of our people, we will take them," Prime Minister Turgut Ozal told a business meeting, denying Bulgarian charges that the border had been closed.

Some of the ethnic Turks expelled yesterday showed injuries which they said were received in Bulgarian police attacks on demonstrations.

The police used water cannon and boiling water and even opened fire. Afterwards they rounded us up and beat us," said wrestler Ahmet Somunoglu, describing a May 27 protest march by thousands of people shouting: "We are Turks."

Another man told reporters that a group was forced at rifle-point onto a goods train and spent a day and a night without water before being sent across the border.

A report by the international human rights group Amnesty International in 1985 said Sofia ceased to recognise an ethnic Turkish minority in the 1970s.

Bulgaria now says those claiming to be Turks are descended

from Bulgarians forced to convert to Islam under Ottoman rule.

The Amnesty report said 100 ethnic Turks were killed early in the assimilation programme, which banned Turkish and forced ethnic Turks to assume Bulgarian names and to abandon Islamic customs.

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## Congress witnesses a stormy session

Ryzhkov nominated to remain PM

MOSCOW, June 3. (Agencies): The Congress of People's Deputies, the setting for heated debate and radical ideas in its eight-day inaugural session, is on a weekend break after one of its most volatile days.

But a smaller, working legislature, called the Supreme Soviet, is scheduled to open its deliberations today. The smaller legislature was elected from the ranks of the Congress.

During deliberations in the Congress yesterday, human rights activist Andrei Sakharov criticised the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan, provoking a ferocious volley of criticism in return.

Later, another Congress member proposed removing Soviet founder Vladimir I. Lenin's mummified body from the hallowed Red Square mausoleum where it is on public view and said the names of victims of the secret police should be inscribed on the agency's headquarters.

The official Tass news agency also reported yesterday that the party's policy-making central committee recommended politburo member Nikolai Ryzhkov be retained as Soviet premier.

His nomination must be approved by the Congress and some members on Thursday accused the cabinet led by Ryzhkov of bungling the country's severe economic problems. They demanded that he outline his economic programme before voting on his nomination.

Sakharov's words belied his frail, stooped figure as he addressed the 2,250-member Congress. The 68-year-old Nobel peace laureate accused the Soviet Union of a "criminal misadventure" that killed one million people when it invaded Afghanistan. That figure, although widely reported in the West, has not been used in official Soviet media.

"You have insulted our entire Army, our entire nation, all our boys who gave their lives," another deputy, Tursan Kazakova of Uzbekistan, shouted at Sakharov.

Sakharov's statement came after a veteran of the Afghan war demanded that President Mikhail Gorbachev seek an explanation of Sakharov's comments on the war to a Canadian newspaper.

In other debate yesterday, Deputy Yuri Karyakin galvanised the Congress with his proposals on the KGB and Lenin's body. He also called for restoring citizenship to exiled writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn.

Solzhenitsyn won the Nobel prize for his extensive writings about the bloody terror of dictator Josef Stalin's rule from 1924-1953, but his most biting novels were never published in the Soviet Union.

He was branded a traitor and stripped of his citizenship in 1974 and expelled. He now lives in the United States.

To a grumbling audience, Karyakin stood before a huge, white statue of Lenin and said the Soviet revolutionary wanted to be buried beside his mother in St Petersburg, later renamed Leningrad. But he said Lenin's will was ignored and his body was placed in a stone mausoleum after his death in 1924.

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## Soviets accuse Britain of bugging

LONDON, June 3. (UPI): Soviet Ambassador Leonid Zamyatin accused British intelligence today of planting eavesdropping devices in the homes and offices of Soviets in London, damaging relations between the countries.

The Foreign Office denied the charge.

"It makes worse our relations," Zamyatin said. "You know, it means that we don't trust each other."

Soviet diplomats, at a hastily called news conference, displayed miniature microphones, transmitting devices and wires, which they said were discovered in the offices of the Soviet trade delegation in Highgate and in private apartments.

The bugging devices in the trade office were linked to an underground cable leaving the building, Soviet officials said. About 30 microphones were found during remodelling and the officials said they must have been installed when the building was constructed about 15 years ago.

One official said the building was "honeycombed" with microphones, the BBC reported. About 12 devices were found in private Soviet apartments, Soviet officials said. They alleged the equipment was activated by high-powered radio beams harmful to health.

Zamyatin objected to the alleged spying in a meeting with Foreign Office Undersecretary Patrick Wright, their spokesmen said.

The ambassador said "eavesdropping devices, which he said had been put in place by the British 'Special Services', had been found in the walls of the Soviet trade delegation (office) and of apartments used by Soviet personnel," a Foreign Office spokesman said.

"He wished to register a strong protest," Zamyatin said, Wright told.

"He was sure that any such devices that might have been found on Soviet property had no connection with the British government."

"Devices of this sort were widely available both in this country and indeed in Moscow," Wright's spokesman quoted him as saying.

Zamyatin expressed dismay that despite long talks between Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev in early April no one in London mentioned "that there are some people who are in Great Britain who are against the British law."

The Soviet charge is part of a continuing row between the two countries over spying, touched off when the Foreign Office expelled 11 Soviet diplomats and journalists for alleged spying on May 19.

Moscow retaliated by expelling an equal number on the same charge.

Britain does not have an intelligence branch called "Special Services."

However, Peter Wright wrote in his book "Spycatcher" that the MI-5 bugged the Soviet embassy, its trade delegation offices and individuals' homes.

Wright said he helped build eavesdropping devices for the MI-5, before rising to the top levels of Britain's domestic intelligence operation.

The Soviets claimed that the devices were so electronically high-powered that they would harm the health of Soviet citizens and Britons living nearby.

In one case, they alleged that a six-year-old Soviet girl, Natasha Marius, had fallen ill with leukaemia after only 14 months' stay in London. No other details were given about her except that she was back in the Soviet Union.

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Brits home

LONDON, June 3. (AP): Seven of 11 Britons expelled by the Soviet Union for alleged espionage arrived in Britain yesterday, and one of them, TV journalist Ian Glover-James, called the allegations "incomprehensible."

The Soviets last month ordered out eight British diplomats and three journalists in response to Britain's expulsion of 11 Soviets also accused of espionage.

Glover-James, who had been based in Moscow for two years with Independent Television News, told reporters at Heathrow Airport, "I'm a correspondent, a news reporter, nothing else. I've never done anything else in the entire two years I've been there."

"To me, they (the allegations) are incomprehensible," he said. "It's impossible to understand them. I don't recognise them and they certainly don't apply to me."

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## Opponents dub Mitterrand the man who would be king

PARIS, June 3. (Reuters): France's divided opposition is praying it has at last found a winning issue by attacking President Francois Mitterrand as a would-be king ruling by royal whim and decree.

The accusation is a grave one in republican France but conservative parties have hurled it freely at Mitterrand this week on issues ranging from immigration to African debt.

The 72-year-old head of state, the son of a railway worker and a life-long socialist, is showing unmistakable signs of irritation

whenever he is goaded as a "monarch" who has lost the common touch.

He was happy after his first election in 1981 with the popular nickname of Tonton, a child's way of saying "uncle."

Last January he said he was untroubled by satirists who started calling him "god" because of his aloof manner.

But the "King Francois" tag appears to have hit a sensitive nerve.

Mitterrand aides and ministers say the opposition strategists who plotted the campaign, unleashed in parliament and

the media, are desperate to divert attention from their own mounting problems.

With the June 18 European elections around the corner the right-wing RPR and centrist UDF parties are hunting for ways to reverse a damaging series of electoral defeats, internal splits and poor scores in opinion polls.

Ex-President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the main opposition candidate in the elections for the European Parliament, fired the first shot last weekend when he attacked Mitterrand's plan to write off the

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John Paul, in prayer



# Nimeiri urges Sudanese to topple government

CAIRO, June 3, (AP): Ousted Sudanese president Jafar Nimeiri yesterday urged Sudanese masses to overthrow the government in Khartoum and pave the way for his return.

In a rare interview, Nimeiri said he had sent tapes and printed speeches to Sudan last month, accusing Sudanese Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi of being the cause of all of the country's

problems. "Those who were deceived (by Al Mahdi) now call for the (return of the) regime of Jafar Nimeiri ... I have received numerous letters and people, all asking me to save Sudan after it has fallen in a deep abyss as they put it," Nimeiri said.

"I am not urging the people to overthrow the government. I am urging

them to take over the power. If you want to, call it overthrowing. And then they can create whatever regime they want to," said Nimeiri, sitting in the spacious reception of the large if slightly run-down villa provided by the Egyptian government as his residence.

After 16 years as president, the pro-Western Nimeiri was overthrown by the military on April 26, 1985, follow-

ing a widespread civilian disobedience campaign. He was on his way home from the United States when he found himself stranded in Cairo.

He was given political asylum on condition he not undertake any political activities and all requests for interviews were turned down.

Nimeiri said the Egyptian government has expressed their displeasure at

the handful of interviews he has given in the last few months, "but the pressure on me from the Sudanese people does not allow me to keep my word to the Egyptian government."

Dressed in a white suit, the former president has not changed much since his ouster. His hair is now predominantly white and he has gained some weight. He lives with his wife and

socialises mainly with Sudanese nationals in Cairo.

"All the different sections of the Sudanese people have called me and asked me to return," Nimeiri claimed. "I told them if you want me to return, you have to fight from within and overthrow this regime ... and when you have your hands on the power, I will be ready."

## Indefinite curfew clamped on Gaza

Renewed ties will not damage treaty

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 3, (Agencies): The Israeli Army imposed an indefinite curfew on the occupied Gaza Strip tonight, its second clampdown on the strip in less than three weeks.

"Starting from 8.00 this evening (1700 GMT), there is a general curfew on the Gaza Strip. The exit of workers to Israel will be controlled. The curfew will continue until further notice," an Army spokesman said in a statement.

Security sources said the Army would begin on Tuesday issuing special permits to Arabs from the Gaza Strip who want to work in Israel. Those who took part in violence in a Palestinian uprising would be denied entry passes, they said.

The Army, in an unprecedented move, ordered on May 16 more than 60,000 Gaza workers in Israel to leave and return home, part of an iron fist policy to persuade Palestinians to accept an Israeli proposal for elections in the occupied areas.



Some of the Jewish theological students suspected of a fatal rampage in a West Bank village are blessed by their rabbi. (Reuters wirephoto)

The latest clampdown, ahead of a 48-hour strike starting today called by the uprising's underground leaders, was designed to reassert Army control over the 650,000 Arab residents of Gaza, the security sources said.

Israeli authorities were reported to be preparing a crackdown against Zionist vigilantes as settlers in the occupied West Bank stirred further controversy over strong anti-Arab remarks.

A military official said the Army was determined to respond seriously to any violence in the territories, whether from Arabs or Jews.

Settlers have stormed through several villages in recent weeks to avenge attacks, smashing windows and firing guns. They accuse the Army of failing to protect them from the 17-month-long Arab uprising in the occupied territories, which Israel captured in the 1967 war.

A teen-aged Arab girl was killed in a raid on the West Bank village of Kif Harith.

Israel Radio said the Army would impose restrictions on the movements of leading settler militants, barring them from communities where they could attack Arabs.

Asked about the report, a senior military official said: "We have been considering steps. We don't know yet what (they) will be."

Security sources said measures would probably be directed against a small group such as the militant Kach movement, which favours expelling all Arabs under Israeli rule.

Uri Ariel, a settler leader, swiftly denounced the Army plans, saying: "It is unbelievable... instead of suppressing the intifada (uprising), they are considering using orders against Jews (which are) reserved for fighting the enemy."

Israeli political divisions have heightened further in rows arising from a plan in the West Bank settlement of Ariel to make Arabs wear badges labelling them "Alien workers."

International outrage at the Ariel decision prompted the community to amend the new rule and require Jews as well as Arabs from outside the settlement wear the tags.

An explosion in a West Bank refugee camp today killed an 18-year-old Palestinian and Israeli authorities launched an investigation into the death, an Army spokesman said.

On his return from the summit at Casablanca, President Hosni Mubarak said Egypt would not change its pro-peace policies. That was seen as a clear indication that the Arab world's only peace treaty with Israel would remain in force.

The informed source said Abdel-Meguid gave assurances that the peace treaty remains valid and that Egypt is continuing efforts to bring comprehensive peace to the region, the source said.

Syria has blocked a meeting of the five Arab powers directly involved with Israel in the Middle East conflict, a senior Palestinian official said in an interview published here today.

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No food for Palestinians

An Israeli right-winger (right) tries to prevent a peace activist from entering Gaza Strip to deliver foodstuffs. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Handcuffed to bed and guarded by troops

### Palestinian 'Mandela' fights for life

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 3, (Reuters): A jailed Arab leader dubbed by Israeli newspapers "The Palestinian Mandela" is critically ill under Army guard in a Tel Aviv hospital and Arabs in the occupied territories expect widespread unrest if he dies.

Omar Al Qassem, a 42-year-old former English teacher, was captured by Israeli troops in the West Bank after a fierce gun battle in October 1968 and sentenced by a military court to two terms of life imprisonment and an additional 27 years.

Like South African black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela — jailed for life in 1964 for plotting against Pretoria's white minority government — Qassem has been offered his freedom but has refused, saying the terms were unacceptable, friends say.

Suffering from cancer and hospitalised on April 7, Qassem is becoming a figurehead for Palestinians as their bloody uprising against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip nears the end of its 17th month.

Visitors to Qassem in the intensive care unit of Assaf Haraofeh hospital say he is

connected to a dialysis machine and is barely able to speak.

He is handcuffed to his bed and guarded by soldiers.

At a time when the uprising's underground leadership is showing signs of divisions, a stepped-up campaign for Qassem's release could unite rival factions and give fresh impetus to the anti-Israel protest. Palestinian activists say.

Born in Arab East Jerusalem, Qassem was in Jordan when Israel captured the West Bank and East Jerusalem from Jordan in the 1967 Middle East war.

When Israeli troops in March 1968 staged a cross-border raid on Palestinian fighters in the Jordanian town of Karameh, he was one of the defenders who put up stiff resistance before retreating to the mountains.

Seven months later he led a seven-man squad of uniformed Palestinians across the frontier, planning to harry Israeli troops from the hills and caves of the West Bank.

Cornered by troops in the West Bank village of Kafr Malik he and his men held off the soldiers for over an hour, but killed no one.

At his trial, he demanded to be treated as a prisoner of war as he had been in uniform on his way to attack military targets.

After long debate the court decided that the relevant Geneva conventions applied only to soldiers of a sovereign state.

The Hebrew-language Hadashot daily, reporting on calls for Qassem's release concluded: "It is doubtful if the Israeli authorities will agree to the demands, but he has already taken his place in the (Palestinian) nationalist pantheon."

An Army spokeswoman said she could make no comment on Qassem's case.

Israel has offered to exchange a jailed Palestinian guerrilla leader who is gravely ill for the remains of Sgt. Samir Assad, an Israeli soldier taken captive in Lebanon in 1983, sources said yesterday.

Omar Qassem, 42, was captured by Israeli soldiers after leading an eight-member commando squad on a raid into the West Bank from Jordan in 1968. Israeli newspapers described Qassem, an occupied Jerusalem-born English teacher, as the most important of the 10,000 Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli jails.

## Libya, Egypt friendlier

## Old rivals mend fences

CAIRO, Egypt, June 3, (Agencies): One of the Arab world's bitterest rivalries could be fading in a series of small but significant steps that began with a bear hug in Morocco.

The hug was applied by Libyan Leader Moammar Khaddafi, who a few days earlier had threatened to boycott the Arab League Summit meeting at Casablanca if Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak showed up.

Mubarak was the one hugged. That was May 23.

Since then, the Egyptian-Libyan border has opened up for the first time in more than a decade and the invective that marked past relations between the two countries has stopped.

Egypt cancelled military exercises scheduled this week in the desert between Cairo and Libya, and is expected to reduce the forces it has had concentrated there since the early 1970s.

A civilian Libyan aircraft has landed at Cairo International Airport for the first time in years, with a promise of regular service starting Monday.

A ranking Egyptian Foreign Ministry official will leave Cairo tomorrow for Libya to discuss measures for normalisation of Egyptian-Libyan relations.

A delegation led by the director of the African Administration at the Foreign Ministry, Nabil Al Selawi, will visit Libya tomorrow to discuss suspended issues between the two countries, including the problem of the Egyptian workers fired by Libya in 1985 and the resumption of consular relations.

Khaddafi's cousin and intelligence chief has spent two days in Cairo. He met Wednesday night with the Egyptian president, who had refused to see him on several previous visits.

Scepticism remains about how far the steps toward rapprochement will go. But if the drama

does play out, Libya could soon restore diplomatic relations with Egypt.

From a superpower standpoint, Libya has a history of close ties to the Soviet Union and is the United States' most strident Arab enemy, while Egypt is one of Washington's best friends in the region.

"Egypt is ready to take two steps for every one that Libya takes with good intentions and sincerity in its desire to open a new page," Mubarak reportedly told Khaddafi in their meeting in Morocco.

No Egyptian has crossed the newly opened border, but in a strong reversal of mood, JANA said Libya "welcomes" these brothers to enter the territory.

Mubarak returned May 27 from the summit at Casablanca, the first for Egypt since the Arab League suspended the country's membership 10 years ago in anger over the Egyptian-Israeli peace accord.

Libya and Syria backed down from their hostility toward Egypt rejoining the league. Libyan and Syrian animosity toward Cairo had lingered long after normal relations returned between Egypt and most other Arab states.

There has been no sign of a broader Syrian-Egyptian rapprochement following the Casablanca talks, but Khaddafi has moved quickly.

In addition to sending his cousin, Ahmed Gaddaf El Dam, to Cairo, Khaddafi dispatched delegations to carry out the technical work of re-establishing land and air communications between the two nations.

Egyptian opposition newspapers and other Arab papers reported that Khaddafi himself would visit, some saying he would drive to Alexandria, Egypt, 300 miles (480 kilometres) into Egyptian territory.

## Doctors struggle to save Khomeini's life

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It quoted doctors as saying Khomeini's condition was "very satisfactory" and that he was expected to make a complete recovery.

Earlier in the week, the television said a "slight cardiac complication" had arisen last Saturday, but that it was relieved the next day.

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"In His exalted name,

"We inform the noble and dear nation that a complication arose in the course of the imam's recovery at 3 pm. Doctors, working untiringly, are busy administering the necessary treatments. We ask all pious people to continue their sincere prayers. There is hope and expectation that your prayers will be listened to by God."

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## Cyprus solution in sight

Foes coming closer

NICOSIA, June 3, (AP): Talks between the Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders for the reunification of the war-torn island have reached a point where the outline of an agreement is discernible, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said today.

"I hope that this trend will continue so that I shall be able to report to the council positive results after my meeting with the two leaders at the end of June," the UN chief added in his bi-annual report to the Security Council.

The report was released here by the headquarters of the UN peace force which patrols a buffer zone splitting the Turkish-occupied north from the Greek Cypriot-controlled southern part of the East Mediterranean island.

Perez de Cuellar succeeded in restarting the deadlocked Cyprus peace process last August after a break of nearly three years.

Three rounds of talks have been held between Greek Cypriot leader, George Vassiliou, President

of the internationally recognised Cyprus government, and veteran Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş, the President of a breakaway state in the Turkish-occupied north, which is recognised only by Turkey.

"The talks in which the leaders of the two sides have engaged in since last August have progressed to the point where the contours of an overall agreement are discernible," Perez de Cuellar said in his report.

He added that over the past month the two leaders have "been engaged in an exercise to prepare an outline for an overall agreement."

"The objective is to define the solutions for the issues that make up the Cyprus problem, and to set out the principles and procedures for translating the outline into an overall agreement."

"The discussions have brought out a number of specific ideas that could go a long way in resolving major issues," Perez de Cuellar added, without revealing details of the points of progress.

## Spanish arms firm repaired Iran bombs

Workers hoodwinked

MADRID, June 3, (AP): A Spanish arms firm hoodwinked 25 of its workers into travelling to Iran in 1985 to repair defective bombs stored near a battle line in the Iran-Iraq war, a lawyer claimed.

The independent daily El Pais said today a lawyer for one of the workers made the allegations on Thursday in a labour court in Victoria, the capital of the autonomous Basque region.

Labour lawyer Idefonso Saez Tabuena told the court that the now defunct Victoria-based firm Turnados Numericos SA (Tor-nusa) sent 25 workers in two groups to Iran during 1985, the paper said. The 100mm and 120mm bombs had been sold to Iran by Tor-nusa's parent company, Grupo Metalurgico Auxiliar SA, (GAMESA).

The lawyer said the contract workers were told they would be sent to Greece and were promised they would be made permanent employees upon their return, the paper said.

Saez Tabuena told the court the employees spent up to six weeks repairing the bombs in underground arms storage sites 40 kms (25 miles) from battle lines, at times in 18-hour shifts, the paper said. He added that the workers were sworn to secrecy upon their return to Spain, the paper said.

The lawyer represents an unidentified worker who says the Tor-nusa parent company has failed to uphold the alleged promise made to him that he would be made a permanent employee, El Pais said.

Attorney Ivan Feliu, the attorney for GAMESA, told the El Pais yesterday that the company had not mistreated the worker and that the worker's case did not result from any promises made as a result of any alleged trip to Iran.

The paper said the other workers had been made permanent employees in other GAMESA units or worked elsewhere and refused to comment.

## Egyptians fire at Israeli boat

Occupied Jerusalem

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 3, (UPI): An Egyptian border patrol vessel fired toward an Israeli fisherman on board, state-run Israeli Radio and officials said.

Israel's Foreign Ministry immediately asked Egyptian officials for an explanation about the incident in the Gulf of Aqaba.

The Israeli, seriously wounded in the leg and stomach, told authorities in Eilat he had been fishing with his two children and a friend when an Egyptian vessel approached and told him to stop. Israel Radio reported. He refused because he believed his friend was not carrying a passport, the radio said.

The Egyptian vessel then fired at the Israeli boat and wounded the man, identified as Shlomo Yisraeli. The Egyptians gave Yisraeli first aid and offered to tow the boat to shore, but the Israelis refused and steered the vessel toward an Israeli border checkpoint on land, the radio reported.

## Lebanese ceasefire violations intensify

BEIRUT, June 3, (AP): Syrian gunners blasted the Christian enclave today with 400 howitzer shells and five artillery rounds crashed in Muslim West Beirut in the most serious violation of a ceasefire proclaimed by the Arab League three weeks ago.

It was the first time that West Beirut has been shelled since the May 11 ceasefire was called in the latest round of Lebanon's 14-year civil war.

Police said they could not determine who fired on the city's Muslim sector. The Muslim-run Voice of the Nation radio station blamed Christian Army units of Gen. Michel Aoun, but an aide denied the report.

"The Army did not shell West Beirut," Aoun's aide said. He accused the Syrians of "shelling both sectors of Beirut so that our citizens in the western sector would have the impression that we are shelling them."

No casualties were reported in today's barrage, apparently because most shells struck both Christian and Muslim areas at dawn when people were still indoors.

Shelling of the Christian enclave focused on the coastal stretch north of Beirut, the Presidential Palace in suburban Baabda and the nearby Hadath and Kfarshima districts.

In West Beirut, shells exploded along the seaside. Raouche Boulevard. Two shells crashed close to the lower campus of the American University of Beirut.

The Aoun aide warned, "we won't remain idle if the ceasefire violations persist ... The general (Aoun) is not prepared to accept the intensifying shelling. We will be forced to fire back."

The aide, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said talks on Lebanon being held tomorrow by leaders of Morocco, Saudi Arabia and Algeria would be "decisive."

"Peace will prevail if the leaders adopt a clear decision on consolidating the ceasefire and lifting the blockades," he said.

"If they fail to stop Syrian violation of the ceasefire, then we will have to fire back," he added, but did not elaborate.

King Hassan of Morocco will discuss Lebanon with King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid at a meeting in Rabat.

Israel has sent warnings to Syria and informed the United States and the Soviet Union that it is concerned about Syrian troop movements in Lebanon, government officials said yesterday.

## MIDEAST BRIEFS

### Bomb found

CAIRO, June 3, (Reuters): A package believed to be a bomb was found today in the grounds of the American Cultural Centre in Cairo.

A US embassy spokeswoman said a "probable explosive device" was discovered hidden under a shrub at about 12.45 pm and removed. She gave no further details.

### Rocket attack

KABUL, June 3, (Reuters): Afghan Muslim rebels blasted Kabul with rockets from the third successive day today, killing five people, a government spokesman said.

The casualties took the death toll to 17, many of them children, since mujahadeen rebels in the hills around the capital resumed rocket attacks on Thursday, the spokesman for the Soviet-backed Kabul government told reporters. A total of 19 people have been wounded.

### Meeting postponed

ABU DHABI, June 3, (Reuters): Foreign ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) will meet in Riyadh on Tuesday to discuss the Iran-Iraq peace talks and Palestinian and Lebanese issues, the official news agency WAM reported.

It said the ministers postponed their meeting from tomorrow because heads of state from Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Morocco were due to meet that day in Rabat to discuss Lebanon.

### Demand withdrawn

PARIS, June 3, (KUNA): Saudi ministers of telecommunications today said the Arab countries have withdrawn their demand of suspending Israel's membership in the International Telecommunications Union.

Dr Faisal Al Zidan who is currently in Nice, south France, to attend meetings of the ITU said that Syria, Qatar and Saudi Arabia had decided to take this step in an aim to preserve "co-operation and international entente," but stressed that he is totally convinced of the Arab legitimate right to suspend Israel's membership due to the aggressive attitude exercised by Israel against Palestinians in the occupied land.

### Thais at Rabat

BANGKOK, Thailand, June 3, (AP): A Thai official urged the United States to act with restraint over the issue of a factory in Libya which Washington says is a chemical weapons plant employing Thai workers.



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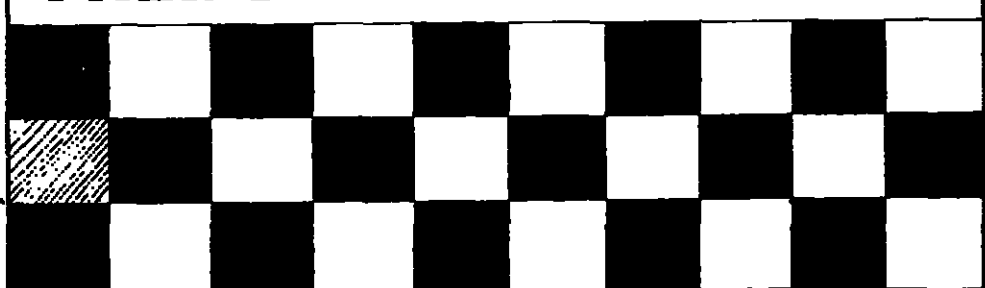
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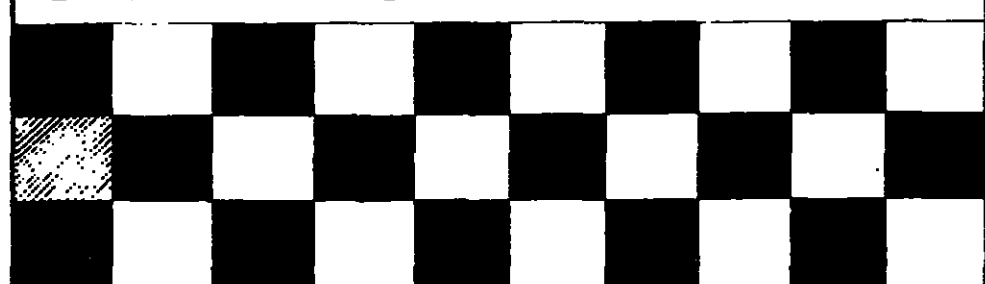
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## Medical treatment of Lebanese casualties lauded

### 50 wounded from East Beirut to arrive shortly

KUWAIT, June 3, (KUNA): Deputy Chairman of the Charitable Committee for Supporting Palestinian and Lebanese people Meshal Al Khaledi yesterday praised the Kuwaiti initiative of hospitalising civil war injured Lebanese in specialised Kuwaiti hospitals and called on other Arab countries to do so.

He told KUNA, following a visit to Al Razi hospital with a delegation of the charitable committee, that the Lebanese

inmates expressed deep appreciation to the people of Kuwait and leadership as well as the committee for their continuous efforts to stop the bloodshed in Lebanon.

Khaledi praised the hospital administration and staff's efforts in providing the best care and services to the Lebanese patients.

Souvenirs and copies of the Holy Quran were handed to the Lebanese patients.

In a related development, Kuwaiti Ambassador in Damascus Ahmed Al Jassem was quoted as saying that another batch of 50 wounded Lebanese from Christian East Beirut will be flown here for treatment from Cyprus.

The Kuwaiti envoy told a local daily that he would shortly head to Beirut, via Cyprus to arrange for the transfer of the wounded of East Beirut, who mostly sustained skin burns.

Already, 72 wounded Lebanese from West Beirut are receiving treatment in Kuwaiti hospitals through the land route to Damascus from where they were airlifted by a specially-equipped Kuwaiti plane.

"Kuwait," the envoy, who served as representative of the now-dissolved Arab League committee of six on Lebanon, underlined, "is extending assistance, including necessary medical care and food aid, to Lebanese in both sectors of Beirut to help them overcome their present difficult circumstances."

Jassem also assured that end of the six-man committee's mission on Lebanon would not affect Kuwait's stand in support of Lebanon and offering assistance to its people until they regain their country's unity, security and stability.

## Lord Young Britain against Europe merger

KUWAIT, June 3, (KUNA): British Minister of State for Trade and Industry Lord Young of Graffham said in an interview published here today his country is against the idea of a European unity, economic or federal.

The European states, which have 15 languages and three main cultures, might need some five centuries to get close to each other enough to go into a merger, Lord Young said in his interview with a local daily.

He indicated that his country was also against calls for a common European currency so long as Britain wanted to pursue an economic policy different from those of its partners in the European Economic Community.

Lord Young, who was interviewed during his visit to Kuwait last week, was commenting on prospects for Europe after 1992, when the 12-nation European Economic Community knock down trade and economic barriers among them to force an economic unity.

"You cannot have a unified currency without having a unified European economic policy," he said.

To move in that direction, he added, would mean that the European countries would have to agree to the concept of "the United States of Europe", an idea which he said is unagreeable to his country.

Lord Young insisted that the post-1992 European Economic Community would not be "Fortress Europe" as some of Europe's economic partners fear.

He added that the 12 EEC members are exporters and, therefore, the last thing they can afford is to emerge as a protectionist bloc.

## Revise education: Ibrahim

FUTURE generations of Kuwait youth will be adversely affected should no constructive changes be incorporated in the fabric of the educational system in the Arab countries, according to a Kuwaiti official.

In a seminar organised by Kuwait Trade Federation, Dr Hassan Al Ibrahim said the future of the Arab nation will depend to a large extent on the qualitative changes that need to be addressed in the scope of developing future educational terms of reference.

The seminar held on the theme of, "The Model Nursery to Replace Maids" had been designed to highlight Arab children's educational issues.

Ibrahim referred in his lecture to several studies conducted in this respect and confirmed that the current Arab educational system has not been successful in imparting education to children and that radical changes in this connection are inevitable.

He called for consolidating nationalistic and democratic spirit among the children in order to groom them to shoulder their responsibilities as future citizens. He confirmed the importance of flexibility and immediate response to the new developments in preparing the children particularly in the preliminary stage. He stressed on the importance of the educational process in realising educational objectives and in bridging the vast scientific and technological gap between North and South.

The current education system in the Arab countries has created a closed generation rather than a creative one, the official said and added that 90 per cent Arab youth unfortunately belong to this section while the remaining either had been oppressed in their home country or had immigrated abroad. About two million Arab scientists in different specialisations are working abroad, Ibrahim said. He called for benefiting from international experiments towards developing human beings.

On the other hand, the official has confirmed the importance of preparing teachers in view of their role in grooming future generations. He commented that several measures should be taken towards reviewing the professional, social and economic position of teachers in addition to upgrading existing levels of Arab teachers.

He criticised the current



Dr Hassan Al Ibrahim

curricula in Arab countries and said, the education system requires a complete revision. In this context, Ibrahim referred to a study conducted by the World Bank on the educational system in the developing countries. Reforming the said system requires an estimated cost of US four billion in addition to the cost to be incurred on each student for keeping pace with the educational march in the Third World countries of middle income such as Korea and Thailand.

**Decision**  
 Ibrahim confirmed the importance of political decision towards creating necessary radical changes in the educational system. He also confirmed the role which could be played by the unions, popular organisations and non-governmental welfare societies towards pressing political decision makers to adopt a policy that may help create a successful educational policy.

He attributed the riots that occurred in Egypt in 1977, Tunis in 1986 and Algeria in 1988 in addition to the unrest in Jordan recently to the Arab educational system. This system has provided thousands of graduates whose expertise was not needed by these countries and eventually led to an unemployment problem.

**Unemployment**  
 Both veiled and unveiled unemployment were caused by wrong education policy. He confirmed the staunch relation between political regimes and the educational system, hinting that the continuity of the political regime was linked to the efficiency to the educational system which should strive to create enlightened citizens.

A good educational system will obviously lead to social and economic justice and will open the door for different social denominations to improve its position and will eventually lead to the surmounting of economic and social disparities in the community and will provide the basic condition for a democratic system, the official said.

He added that a good system will produce good educational institutions that focus on applied and field research to solve the community's problems and to provide political decision makers with the necessary scientific research which may enlighten their decisions.

Meanwhile, the official called for contacting the Arab League in order to convince it to call Arab leaders to hold a summit to be devoted to educational issues.

He added that in democratic communities, citizens can communicate with decision makers easily and through the electoral process. However, despite the absence of the democratic poll in most Arab countries, public opinion in some of these countries still plays significant role in the decision making process.

He confirmed the need for an integrated informational strategy to be adopted to call for a meeting to be attended by Arab education and planning ministers in addition to a meeting to be attended by Arab premiers for discussing the development of the Arab educational system.

In conclusion, Ibrahim called for declaring the next decade as the decade of education to keep in line with the Bangkok Conference to take place in the Thai capital in October 1990 which will concentrate on bringing the educational gap between North and South during the coming decade.

## Reform society condemns Quran desecration

KUWAIT, June 3, (KUNA): The Social Reform Society today denounced the latest and most hideous Israeli crime against the Islamic religion, tearing pages of the holy Quran and using them as toilet paper in one of the villages in occupied Palestine.

Referring to the heinous incident, which took place in the West Bank's city of Dier Belout last week, the society deplored the desecration of the Holy Quran with dirt, it stressed that it was a crying shame that Muslims world-wide kept their mouths shut toward this flagrant action by the Jewish

troops. In a statement published here today, the society said "yes, the Jews had unmasked this blind hatred against Islam (by desecrating the holy Quran)", urging Muslims everywhere to spare no effort in exposing and disgracing Jewish crimes against all religions.

It cautioned those who tend to think that Jews can be trusted and be lived with in peace, affirming that using pages of the holy Quran as a means of wiping dirt goes down to prove that Jews have and will always hate Islam and Muslims.

The statement also cited some verses from the holy book warning Muslims against negotiating with the Jews or confiding in them.

"Oh nations of Islam, isn't it time to fight for this religion and the holy book of all mighty Allah?" it wondered.

In other reactions to the Jewish crime, a number of Muslim worshippers cried today in Friday prayers, as preachers pointed out the incapacity of Muslims to avenge this crime.

## Economic development review

KUWAIT, June 3, (KUNA): The Council of Arab Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture is to hold its 69th session here next Sunday and Monday.

The meeting is to review economic developments and a report prepared by the council's technical committee on future activities, progress of work of

joint Arab-foreign chambers of commerce and other administrative and financial issues.

The two-day session will be attended by delegations of all Arab chambers of commerce as well as representatives of Kuwaiti Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the general secretariat of Arab Gulf chambers.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Overland projects

THE Ministry of Public Works is currently studying two projects one for interlinking GCC states with a rail-line and the second to construct an overland road linking Kuwait to Saudi Arabia via Hafji through Abu Dhabi and Al Ain up to Muscat.

The GCC General Secretariat has commissioned two international consultancy firms to prepare the pre-development study for the construction of the Inter-GCC rail road. Copies of the report are currently under consideration by each of the GCC member-states.

The proposed overland road is 841 km in length, 731 of which lie in the Saudi territories, while the remaining fall within the territory of other GCC member states.

### GCC meeting

KUWAIT, June 3, (Reuters): Foreign ministers of the six-country Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) will meet in Jeddah on June 4 and 5, KUNA reported.

The agency said ministers of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates would review committee reports and discuss developments since their last meeting in March.

### Jaafar in Jeddah

JEDDAH, June 3, (KUNA): Kuwaiti Information Undersecretary and Chairman of the General Assembly of the Organisation of Islamic Broadcasting Stations Abdul Aziz Jaafar arrived here yesterday to attend meetings of the organisation's executive council.

Jaafar is accompanied by Assistant Undersecretary for Broadcasting Affairs Dr Abdul Aziz Mohammed Al-Mansour and Director of Financial Affairs Khaled Dhuwaili Al Sebai'i.

## Public works minister inspects project sites

MINISTER of Public Works Abdul Rahman Al Houti last week inspected some construction sites at Mishref area during his visit to utilities of Hawalli Governorate.

Houti has called on the contracting company that is carrying out the project of Suburb Centre of Mishref area to hasten its work in order to complete the project as soon as possible. He warned that the ministry might draw the project in case of delay. The project involves construction of a big supermarket, shops, health centre, police station, patrol centre of the Hawalli Governorate and a post office.

### Meeting

The minister held a meeting with mayors (mukhtars) of different areas in Hawalli Governorate before his visit to Mishref. The meeting was also attended by Governor of Hawalli Barjes. The meeting discussed demands of the mayors that were submitted to HH the Amir in the last meeting during May. Most of the demands included the building of flyovers for pedestrians and paving roads and squares as well as completing utilities and services in their areas.

Houti said that his visit to Mishref is in keeping with the desire of HH the Amir to inspect and fulfill demands of citizens as soon as possible. He added that his next visit will be to Farwaniya Governorate.

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## Arms store robbed

### Shot gun stolen

By Nasser Al Tameemi

A STORE dealing in sales and repairs of fire-arms and ammunition was broken into yesterday. The store is located in Sharq area and this is the second robbery in the store within a year. It was learnt that initial investigations by police showed that at least two thieves believed to be knowing the store very well carried out the robbery.

"They stole a gun, 13 bullets, a shot gun, a number of knives, binoculars and ammunition. The robbers failed to force open a room in the store containing new hunting rifles."

## Extra flights to cope with increase in passengers

### Safety measures adequate, says official

THE director of Kuwait International Airport, Zohair Al Zamil stated that the travelling season this year will witness an increase in the number of travellers compared with last year. He pointed out that extra flights will be operated until Sep. 15, 1989 to meet the demand of

the increase in the number of passengers.

He urged travellers to co-operate with airport officials to overcome any problems. He revealed that the airport is currently conducting a study on the development of airport commercial shops. Females are now

working at all Civil Aviation departments, the official said and welcomed the services of Kuwait women at the airport.

#### Safety

He described safety measures at the airport as good and added that the airport will utilise a new

safety system within the airport hall in the near future.

#### Problems

In an interview with a local daily, he pointed out that the airport will operate weekly trips during the summer season to specific cities. The airport administration has cancelled all

employee vacations for the summer.

The most serious problems caused by the public is not complying to confirm reservations, leaving children unattended and not complying with security measures, the official pointed out.

Zamil stated that the structure plan of Kuwait International Airport until 2015 has been completed. He pointed out that the project is a comprehensive study on future requirements at the airport and has been duly presented to government authorities for implementation.



One of the contestants wins the audience over with her song and dance routine.



The Little Mr and Mrs Ambassadors of Goodwill with their trophies. (Photographs by Javed Basra)



Adele Mesenas — Consul for Peace.

## Judicial move to unify Gulf society

### Court verdicts to apply in all states

By Lima Al Khalafawi  
Arab Times staff

RECENT meetings of the GCC Justice Ministers held in Riyadh discussed a draft related to a unified personal status law for the GCC member states.

Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs, Dhari Al Othman said that the ministers discussed the establishment of an independent judicial body to look into any disputes that may arise between the GCC departments.

In an exclusive interview with the Arab Times, the minister said that the unification of court procedures in the member states was also discussed. The subject of reorganising ownership of real estates in other GCC member states by GCC citizens also figured prominently during the ministerial meetings.

Othman said that the GCC Personal Status draft law is identical in most of its clauses with the Arab Unified Personal Status Law as approved by the Arab Justice Ministers during their meeting held in Kuwait last year. The basic sources of the unified

draft law is taken from Islamic Sharia, the official said. He added that it also deals in finding solutions to a number of new issues that have arisen in the modern life of the Islamic societies.

#### Differences

The draft law was studied by the Justice Ministers of the six member states and all have provided their input related to some amendments and additions. The final form of the draft law has resolved all differences related to some details of some articles. The draft relates to marriages, divorces, inheritance, custody of children and other issues, the official said.

#### Judiciary

Discussions also focused on unification of judicial procedures among GCC states. The importance of this issue lies upon methods related to any GCC citizen who undertakes to run a business in another GCC country. It lays down guidelines as to how citizens of one GCC country can practice their right of appeal in courts in other GCC

states, Othman said. The official added that the GCC General Secretariat was assigned to carry out a survey on a unified system related to rules implemented in each country and prepare a unified jurisdiction law to be sent to each member state for its remarks before being finalised.

The minister added that the draft agreement for execution of verdicts and judicial deputisation is an important contribution for strengthening the legal and judicial co-operation between the GCC states. The agreement includes a very important principle which is the acceptance of any verdict issued by the GCC court in all GCC states in issues related to civil, commercial and personal status — provided the verdicts can be implemented in those states, the minister said.

Concerning judicial deputisation, any GCC member state can request another member state to follow up on any judicial case in its territory. This will facilitate closer co-operation in judicial matters between the GCC states, Othman said.

## Flassik elects ambassadors of goodwill

NASSER AL Nasser won the Little Mr Ambassador of Goodwill title at the Diplomats of Goodwill contest organised by Flassik, the Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait last week. Pamela Cruz was chosen Little Ms Ambassadors of Goodwill.

The winners received trophies and will be participating in other Flassik projects. The other winners were: Lily Adele Mesenas (Consul for Peace), Jessica Unico (Consul for Friendship) and Joseph Zobrist (Consul for Detente). Little Ms Talent was Mary Ann Espedilla, who rendered the Song "Break it to me gently." Richard Norman won the Mr Talent title.

Charina Cruz was named 'Minister of Foreign Affairs' with Eman Abdul Rahman as Deputy Minister for Asian Affairs; Pamela Brenda was given the post of Deputy Minister for European Affairs and Dinarius Santos became Deputy Minister for American Affairs.

The competition was a tremendous success as the children did their best to win a title. None of the contestants went home disappointed as Flassik and their sponsors ensured that each child took home a token gift. There was enough popcorn, ice cream, juice, cakes, hotdogs and spaghetti for everyone. The 'pabiti' was a special treat for

the children and the treasure hunt delighted the kids.

The contest for tiny tots which was held at the Church Hall, was organised to involve the young in the cultural activities of their parents.

More than 25 children participated in the fun and games organised by Flassik. The programme was emceed by Madeline Paras and Apple Sanchez who made attempts to put the children at ease and forget their stage fright.

Ms Covarrubias welcomed the children and their parents. Consul Olivia Palala addressed the guests and inspired the children saying "diplomats should have

the highest integrity while never forgetting that they are around to serve the interest of their countrymen abroad."

The Morada sisters undoubtedly proved they were talented and versatile performers with their very energetic song and dance routine.

Flassik babies (Flassik officers in regression) gave the audience a big laugh as they danced to the tune of nursery rhymes while dressed in children's attire. This number was performed by Flassik Director Esther Madamba, treasurer R.C. Ruiz and Assistant Secretary Lorna Adil.

The panel of judges comprised of Mrs. Cora Paras, Chairper-

son, Dr Cecile Sanes, Ms Bing Binario, Mrs Camela Turner and Mrs Ging Marin.

One sponsor of the contest, advocate Mohammad Al Awadhi, lauded Flassik's "family-oriented projects. The other sponsors were Bobby and Susan Madayag and Fuad Al Attalah.

Cely Cayaba proposed a vote of thanks. She also reminded the guests that Flassik's priority is to promote their "caring and sharing" welfare projects. The audience responded by donating generously for Mary Lani, who is fighting for her life at the Intensive Care Unit at Mubarak Al Kaber Hospital.

## Psychological ailments quite common: Asfour

### 400 outpatients annually

DR ABDUL Rahman Al Asfour, director of the Kuwait Psychiatric Diseases Hospital said that 75 per cent of the treatment offered by the hospital to its inmates depended on psychological rehabilitation, while the remaining 25 per cent depended on medication.

Speaking to a local daily, Asfour said that the psychological ailments in Kuwait were quite common but not different from the usual types of diseases elsewhere in the world.

He said one per cent of Kuwaiti society suffered from schizophrenia and that patients suffering various types of psy-

chological disorders were registered at the hospital.

The hospital received 400 outpatients on an annual basis and between seven and nine people manifest symptoms that necessitate their admission into the hospital, Asfour said.

He pointed out that certain disorders took a long time to respond to treatment, and that patients are subjected to intensive tests before they are pronounced normal again, however in certain cases setbacks are possible and patients are remanded for another round of treatment.

The common reason behind the relapse of certain psychological disorders was the

failure by patients to abide by doctors instructions and their disorderly use of medicines, Asfour said.

He added that a committee of specialists was responsible for the development of rehabilitation programmes and treatment methods and that special sophisticated equipment was used in the process.

#### Shock treatment

The hospital has equipment that could help psychiatrists locate and identify the affected area in the patient's brain based on electrical diagnosis of the brain and measurements of the electrical impulses in both hemispheres, Asfour said.

He added that certain ailments require the use of electrical shock at various levels and that this treatment induces the brain to change the chemical nature of the treatment area in response to electrical stimulus.

Asfour said that there is a plan to set up a new psychiatric diseases hospital in Kuwait. He stressed the need for active participation by all public institutions and government ministries to spread awareness and psychological education to help people avoid falling prey to psychiatric disorders. The direct environment and social surroundings were primarily responsible for these disorders, Asfour said.

## KISR to upgrade national vegetation

THE deputy director-general of the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research for environmental and bio-sciences Dr Nizar Mulla Hussein said that KISR's special work team commenced the implementation of stage one of the short and medium term national greening plan.

He said that the institute had introduced special budgetary allocations for the purpose of funding the implementation of studies concerned with national landscaping plans to be carried out in co-operation with the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources over the coming two years.

#### Studies

Studies currently conducted at the institute focused on the possibility of introducing different types of vegetables to upgrade agro-production, improve agricultural soil and identify technical problems facing farmers, Hussein said.

He added that studies and research conducted at the institute received keen interest and follow-up attention from local companies, and that in one instance a local animal production company utilised the output of studies performed by the institute to develop and step up its sheep production.

Hussein warned against the rapid deterioration of pasture in the country as a result of inefficient and unsuitable grazing techniques, uprooting of plants and careless driving over stretches of vegetation in the country.

#### Vegetation management

He said the institute was about to prepare for stage three of the vegetation management and development project, which, inter alia, seeks to increase desert plants and protect those plants threatened with extinction.

The institute is preparing a medium and long-term plan to implement the national landscaping project, and that the first would be implemented from 1990 to 1995 and the second from 1995 to 2005, Hussein said.

He added, that the institute was concerned with other landscaping projects, which involved the desert park, soil surveys, detailed studies of national parks and natural habitats, in co-operation with the agricultural authority.

Survey areas included a number of fenced desert sites in Rawdhat, Mutla, Doha, Abdali, Mang'eesh, Hoban, and Magwa.

## Social affairs reshuffle

THE Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmad will reshuffle directors of departments of the ministry after his return from the International Labour Conference that will be held in Geneva during this month (June) a local daily reported.

It added that Sheikh Nasser will take this administrative step as soon as he returns to Kuwait.

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Kuwait: 21 per cent  
Ahmad: 31 per cent  
Fahsala: 43 per cent

## Official denies telephone deposit exemptions

By Salem Al Wawan

A COMMUNICATION Ministry official denied today that the ministry has exempted expatriates working in the private sector prior to 1981 from paying the financial guarantee on their telephones.

Director of Levy and Com-

puter at the Communication Ministry Mohammad Al Raqem said that the ministry began on May 26th implementing the decision. According to the decision, all expatriate telephone subscribers working in the private sector are required to pay a guarantee fee of KD500 if they want to keep the international

telephone calls service. The decision also cancelled all other forms of guarantees including those supplied by private establishments for their employees.

The decision was issued on Feb 26 and gave the subscribers a period of three months to pay. Raqem added that the ministry

called the subscribers before disconnecting the lines. He stressed that this step is aimed at guaranteeing the ministry's rights and a bid to avoid accumulation of debts on subscribers. A special committee was set up to implement the decision and the committee is now contacting the concerned subscribers.

## New Kuwaiti passports

THE Ministry of Interior is planning to issue two new types of passports; one containing 48 pages designed for ordinary citizens and other 60 pages designed for businessmen, a local daily reported.

Sources at the ministry say that the new passport will be easily read by special computers stationed at the airport and other outlets, and that holders will not have to fill out the usual standard form handed out to them by the passport officers.

The sources added that citizens will be able to get new passports with the same number as the old one.

## Fire fighting centres to increase

DIRECTOR-GENERAL of the General Fire Fighting Department, Brigadier Ahmad Al Abdul Razzaq has stated that the department intends to increase the number of fire centres, improve currently operating centres, enhance internal conditions, and renovate some of them to meet developments and new requirements of each area.

#### Responsible

Interviewed by a local daily, he pointed out that the country now has 35 fire centres, some of which are specialised. He stressed that the General Fire Fighting Department has a new look towards a modern transformation in methods of fire fighting and rescue operations. He added that the department is always keen to support fire men through training, encouragement and financial incentives.

The General Fire Fighting Department does not require the use of aircraft in fire fighting due to the fact that the country enjoys an excellent roads network, the official added.

He stressed that the department fully co-operates with the Civil Defence Department in order to preserve the safety of lives.

#### Stressed

The compensations law is fully designed to compensate for injuries to fire men while on duty. He pointed out that fire engines are insured by the government, but added that when fire engine drivers are the ones who are responsible for a traffic accident, they are required to pay for damages.

"Fire centres are distributed according to a specific system which is designed to meet the nature of the area and its population density," he said.

## From the courts

### Hard labour for fraud

THE Criminal Court has sentenced a man to two and a half years in jail with hard labour to be followed by deportation.

The court heard that the man had stumbled on a credit-card "Diners Club". Instead of turning it over to the police or the bank, he used it in making illegal purchases by forging the signature.

The total value of his purchases exceeded KD3,000. Finally the bank called the real owner of the card and showed him bills that were supposed to have been signed by him.

The real owner denied having incurred all these expenditures and said he had lost the card but did not report it missing to the bank in the hope that he would soon locate it.

The police contacted a shop which had earlier issued a bill to the suspect. The suspect had purchased a pair of women's shoes and the woman's name was provided. The man was arrested after the woman was questioned.

However, the taxi-driver arrogantly told the official to drive off instead.

The Court of Cassation rejected an appeal by an insurance company to reduce the amount of compensation paid to the father of a boy who was knocked over by a car insured with the company.

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HE who will not economize will have to agonize — Confucius, Chinese philosopher (551 B.C. — 479 B.C.).

## Comrade Yeltsin: rising Soviet hero

By Carey Goldberg

A MOSCOW mechanic, basking in the no onday sun near his friend's vending cart on the old arbat, summed up in one sentence what makes Communist Party renegade Boris Yeltsin the hero of millions.

"If the party bosses are against him, then we're for him; it's that simple," Yuri Chaplygin said.

Maverick, martyr, demagogue, populist — Yeltsin's image has shifted with his changing political fortunes. What remains constant is his backing from millions of supporters who relish his open battles with party leaders and cheer his calls to ease the daily grind of Soviet life.

Yeltsin was at his best delivering his maiden speech this week at the Congress of People's Deputies. His throaty voice boomed out accusations and demands in simple phrases, a characteristic snarl plastered on his doughy face topped by silver hair.

The Soviet public has also seen Yeltsin when he was down, crushed after he made a daring 1987 speech criticising the slow pace of President Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms at a closed-door party meeting.

That speech, which included harsh words for Politburo foe Yegor Ligachev, brought Yeltsin a searing reprimand from Gorbachev, his former mentor, and attacks from other party officials accusing him of dealing "a stab in the back" to economic reform.

After he was criticised in the press and stripped of his post as Moscow party chief, Yeltsin was hospitalised for heart trouble.

The word went out that the 58-year-old Siberian, for all his headstrong outspokenness, had been broken.

But his adversity and open opposition of the Communist Party apparatus only swelled Yeltsin's popularity.

"People identify with Yeltsin," the weekly Moscow News wrote in April in a full-page story headlined "the Boris Yeltsin phenomenon."

### Victim

"He's a victim of dislike on the part of higher-ups — who of us hasn't been in the same position?" the weekly said. "And he is being slighted for refusing to seek their approval — who hasn't dreamed of doing that?"

Yeltsin "showed that he was outside the apparatus, and he became a victim," said Alexander Poroshkin, a Moscow street artist. "And Russians love a victim, he's like a martyr saint."

Yeltsin's reputation began to grow when he was still Moscow party chief. He chopped the local party apparatus, campaigned in stores and on television to improve food supplies and spoke out against special privileges for the government and party elite.

At the 1986 Communist Party Congress, just three months after taking the Moscow post, Yeltsin was launching salvos against the party bureaucracy, demanding and end to privileges enjoyed by top officials and saying no leader should be above criticism.

For many Muscovites, who watch their leaders ride by in sleek limousines while they stand in line to buy soap, sugar and other scarce items, Yeltsin's message had immediate appeal.

"Yeltsin wants to give what everyone wants, to raise the standard of living and get us what we don't have," a middle-aged warehouse worker said while standing in a long line to buy pickles.

In his campaign to win a seat in the Congress, Yeltsin added denunciations of privileges granted to state and party officials to his call for immediate improvements in the average Soviet's living standard.

Voters responded with a landslide, giving Yeltsin almost 90 per cent of the vote.

The former construction engineer set a personal example by refusing the privileges of rank, though he still is a member of the party's policy-making central committee and was chauffeured to election rallies in a limousine.

His candidacy got an extra boost 10 days before the election when the central committee formed a special commission to investigate allegations that Yeltsin had been espousing views contrary to the party line.

The tactic backfired on the party — voters saw heightened persecution from above. A pre-election rally attended by thousands condemned the commission and vowed support for Yeltsin.

Moscow News said in its article that Yeltsin's backing also stems from his position as a "shadow leader, a critic of whatever is being done poorly" without having to run reforms himself.

Despite his tough-talking frankness, Yeltsin has expressly refrained from presenting himself as a direct rival to Gorbachev. But he has done nothing to conceal the animosity between himself and Ligachev.

### Questioned

He has also publicly questioned Raisa Gorbachev's active role in her husband's political life, playing to widespread dislike for a woman who won't accept a traditional behind-the-scenes role and whom many Soviets regard as overly regal.

"Yeltsin has brought big-time politics down from the olympian heights and put them at the feet of rank-and-file citizens," political analyst Vitaiyev wrote in Moscow news.

The question now, said Poroshkin, the street artist, is whether Yeltsin can put his popularity to convert his ideas into official policy.

"It's like a player at a casino who has won a lot of chips but hasn't cashed them in yet," he said.

Yeltsin reaped some benefit from his popular support this week after his failure at the Congress last Saturday to gain a seat on the new full-time national legislature, the Supreme Soviet.

Tens of thousands of people chanted "Yeltsin, Yeltsin," at a mass rally in a Moscow stadium parking lot Sunday and called for another deputy to give his seat up to Yeltsin.

Their wish was granted the next day with Gorbachev's backing. Support for Yeltsin at recent rallies in Moscow has appeared intensely personal, with backers wearing his button-sized portrait and chanting his name. But some say they like him not for who he is, but for what he espouses.

"No one loves him for himself," Poroshkin said. "It's just that for the first time, an alternative has appeared."

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1647 — England's king Charles I is seized as hostage by the Army.
- 1800 — Genoa capitulates to French forces.
- 1805 — United States concludes peace treaty with Tripoli.
- 1813 — Prussia and France sign armistice of Poischwitz.
- 1815 — Denmark cedes Pomerania and Rugen to Prussia in return for part of Duchy of Lauenburg.
- 1859 — Austrians are defeated at Magenta by French, who free Milan in Italy.
- 1943 — Army troops march into Buenos Aires and overthrow government of Argentine President Ramon Castillo.
- 1942 — Battle of midway begins in World War II, and US ships inflict first decisive defeats on Japanese.
- 1944 — Allied forces enter Rome, Italy, in World War II.
- 1956 — Egypt announces it will not extend Suez Canal company's concession after expiration in 1959.
- 1970 — Kingdom of Tonga in Pacific becomes member of British Commonwealth.
- 1974 — Death toll from smallpox is listed as at least 10,000 in 1974 in Indian state of Bihar in one of worst epidemics in recent years.
- 1978 — China's foreign minister Huang Hua, visiting Zaire, expresses sharp criticism of Soviet and Cuban involvement in Africa.
- 1984 — Vietnam accuses China of massing troops and weapons along their common border.
- 1987 — Indian air force transports backed by fighter jet planes parachute relief supplies onto Sri Lanka's Jaffna peninsula.
- 1988 — Iraqi warplanes attack ship in tanker holding area off Iran's Kharg island oil terminal in northern Gulf.

## INSIDE WASHINGTON

By Henry Brandon

## EEC 1992: Washington studying effects on US interests

BUSH administration officials told me that they are already working on the budget for 1991, that they have already approached members of Congress dealing with budgetary matters and that they have agreed to discuss it within a few weeks.

It is quite unusual for an administration to come to grips with the next budget that early and for members of Congress to be willing to enter into negotiations about it so soon. There are two basic reasons for this unusual development. One is that Bush administration officials admit, at least privately, that the balanced budget administration sent to Congress and Congress accepted, was done to enable the President to claim that he lived up to his promise, made during the election campaign, that he would not raise taxes. And this was done with mirrors, for many of the conditions the calculations are based on, are most likely to prove too optimistic.

The other is that the administration and Congress are well aware that much of the economic instability and unpredictability in the Western World are due to the American huge budget deficit and the general belief that by the end of this year the 1990 budget will prove to have been a phony one.

The reason the administration and Congress are so eager to tackle the 1991 budget is the expectation that it will be more realistic and that this will have a reassuring effect and contribute to economic stability greater throughout the world.

### Problem

The idea, however, that the United States can solve its threatening sanctions against some countries, such as Japan, India and Brazil, and possibly others later on, could prove to be a double edged sword, especially in the case of Japan. It could lead to economic counteraction, that could hurt the U.S., and to a politically damaging trade war. The threat has proved to be effective in the case of South Korea and Taiwan, two countries depending very much on exports to the United States and slow in offering trade concessions.

At least for the time being, the counter-threats by such a powerful economy as the European Economic Community, have kept it from being targeted as an unfair trader.

American opinion is divided on whether the single European market will become a major problem in American-European relations. Indicative of the enormous interest this problem has already aroused is the fact that at least six congressional committees are holding hearings on the "EEC-92" and that several branches of the administration are studying the effects it is likely to have on American interests. As of now, I would say that those who are deeply worried about these repercussions, are in the majority.

It is very interesting, for instance, that Lionel H. Olmer, the undersecretary of Commerce in the Reagan administration, now says that neither market access in Japan, nor controls on exports to the Soviet Union, nor the rise of Asia's newly industrialising nations to trading prominence, not even what to do about the Latin American debt, will be as much of a challenge to American business as the "EEC-92." He suggests, therefore, that a new approach to co-operation between the American government and the private sector will become necessary to enable United States industry to remain competitive.

In support of this theory he cites the fact that European Community policies have manifested genuine concern in recent years that only government intervention will prevent Western Europe from falling even further behind in technology, product innovation and profits than it already has.

He believes that unless American industry gets similar governmental support, it will not be able to remain competitive in the global race for technological leadership. He is also convinced that European companies will want continued protection from competition and keep it that way. However, he also believes that the creation of a unified European market and the lifting of trade and other barriers that go with it, are bound to lead to massive internal economic problems and that there will be at least as many losers as winners among

European business enterprises.

Olmer draws the conclusion that as European governments seek to balance their economic and political interests among the twelve member states, the legitimate interests of outsiders, such as the United States, will be the first to suffer. This will be particularly true of import-sensitive groups, such as automobiles, computers, semi-conductor telecommunications, textiles and agriculture. He predicts that the US and Europe are therefore headed for what he calls "a major collision."

The White House and the Federal Reserve Board, the American version of a central bank, I understand are not as fearful of "EEC-92" as the Department of Commerce and the International Trade representative Carla A. Hallis. Being responsible for helping to facilitate American export trade, it is not surprising that the latter two are more vocal in expressing their fears and are reaching for tools to give them more muscle in this forthcoming competitive situation.

I am more inclined to believe that since Western Europe is the biggest exporter in the world and depends on export trade for its well-being, it will not turn protectionist, and that current American fears are overdone. Two-way trade between the US and the EEC in goods and services in 1988 is likely to exceed \$160 billion, a major increase over the year before. In addition, the American market has become such a magnet for European investors that well over 300 US companies were purchased by British buyers alone in a six months period in 1988 at a value of over \$20 billion. It also means that 2.5 million jobs in Europe are dependent on the activities of US subsidiaries, representative offices and joint ventures in the civil sector of the economy, exclusive banking. Comparable figures for the US amount of 1.5 million jobs to be in stake.

### Protect

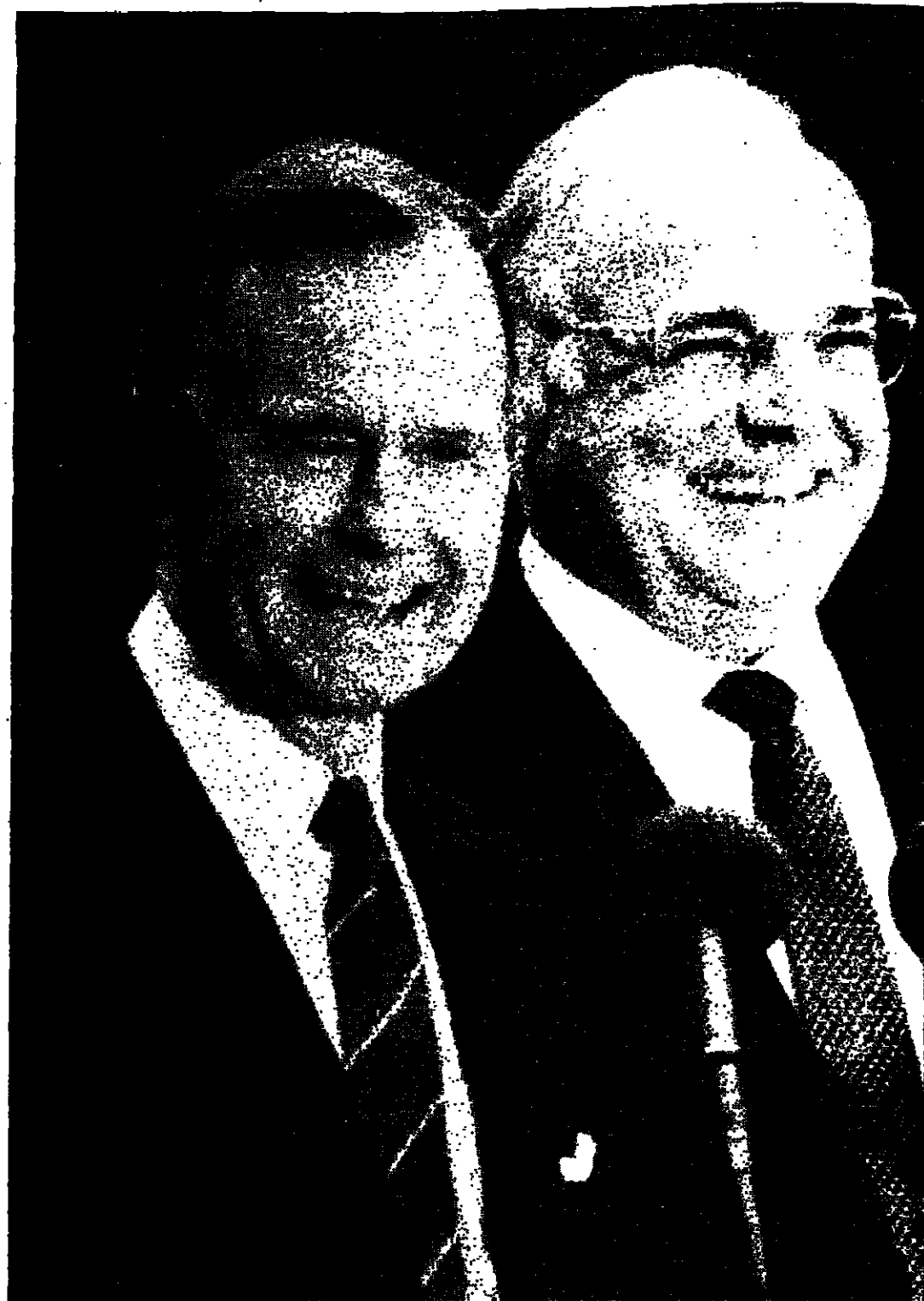
Whatever measures the US government is taking to protect its industries and to help their exports, old fashioned protectionism is outdated and impossible to pursue today. That does not mean that American beliefs in the free market have not cooled somewhat, that Americans are not well aware of the inroads foreign entrepreneurs have made in the US and in the extent to which the US government has lost control over its own economy.

Indicative of the changing temper toward the Israeli government's current policy was the reaction of Israeli officials, the American news media and congressional opinion to Secretary of State James Baker's last speech on Middle East policy. There was nothing new in his asking the Israeli government to give up on its expectations to absorb the West Bank and Gaza and to halt building more Jewish settlements in those territories. Already President Carter set those goals. What was new was that he asked it to reopen the West Bank schools and to reach out to Palestinians as neighbours who deserve political rights.

There was nothing new in his telling the Palestinians that the US was not in favour of a Palestinian state, that the US would not "deliver" Israel to them or that they should halt the economic boycott of Israel. But it was new that he supported Prime Minister Itzhak Shamir election proposal as a start of the peace process and that he asked the Arabs that Israel be accepted as one of the members of the Middle East.

The Israeli government rejected Baker's suggestions outright as "useless" and the Palestine Liberation Organisation sounded divided on whether to modify its position and swallow the Shamir election proposal as a first step toward a compromise solution. In fact Baker laid down the parameters for the first round of accommodation between Israel and the PLO. He wants the Palestinians to content themselves for the time being with local elections and local control and the Israelis to begin negotiations with the PLO that would build on the very limited results of the local elections.

The Israelis were shocked that Baker sounded so much more even-handed than Shultz, President Reagan's Secretary of State, and that the US would



President George Bush and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, during former's visit to Europe last week. (Reuter wirephoto)

continue to pursue discussions with the PLO. But public opinion has been reacting favourably to the Baker stance because Americans are taken aback by the harsh methods used by the Israeli authorities in trying to suppress the intifada demonstrations, and would prefer to be less involved in this conflict. The US has no practical ways of forcing Israel into negotiations with the PLO that would lead gradually to the end of occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. But if it could persuade the PLO to accept the Shamir election proposal, a basis for direct negotiations could develop.

### Stage

What at this stage may be more important than progress between Israel and the PLO is the fact that the Bush administration has developed and presented a clear outline on its policy toward the Middle East peace process. What is even more important is

that President Bush has wrested away the diplomatic initiative from Mikhail Gorbachev and presented his quite daring views on how to bring momentum into the European peace process and into arms control negotiations.

After weeks of behind the scene deliberations President Bush has shown to his audience at home and around the world that he is not only able to develop new policies, but that they are policies broadly acceptable to a majority of Americans and the NATO allies. American officials prefer to play safe, it suits them to adhere to policies that have worked well in the last 40 years. They are uneasy in negotiations because they somehow believe it will be they who will be outfoxed. They have little confidence in their skill as negotiators. But history is imposing the burden of developing new policies for a new era to President Bush and he has accepted the challenge.

## Indian troop withdrawal may defuse leftist threats

### Indian community in Sri Lanka uneasy

By Rajendra Bajpai

DIPLOMATS and politicians believe President Ranasinghe Premadasa set a deadline for the withdrawal of Indian troops to defuse leftist guerrilla threats against Indian establishments and ventures in Sri Lanka.

Premadasa, who never favoured bringing in the Indian troops invited two years ago by former President Junius Jayawardene, said on Thursday he wanted to see the last of them leave the island before the end of next month.

The announcement was a surprise and the Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF), political party of the minority community, said Tamils, especially in eastern province, would be concerned about their safety if the troops pulled out.

They landed in July 1987 mainly to suppress a separatist rebellion led by Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) guerrilla force of Velupillai

Prabhakaran.

Their presence was opposed by most political groups. Sinhalese guerrillas of the leftist People's Liberation Front (JVP) last month called for a boycott of Indian shops and products and told people of Indian origin to leave the country.

A statement issued by JVP — its authenticity cannot be established because the movement's leaders are underground — set June 14 as the deadline for Indians to leave.

"JVP declares war against Indian imperialism which has become the enemy of our nation," the statement said, and urged Sri Lankans to shun Indian banks and goods.

A Western diplomat said the warning had caused considerable concern and might have prompted Premadasa to set a troop withdrawal deadline in a bid to placate the JVP.

He doubted the Indian forces numbering 45,000 in the Tamil-dominated nor-

thern and eastern provinces would be able to leave by the end of next month.

A Tamil politician said the president probably wanted to defuse anti-Indian sentiment stirred by JVP which had an explosive potential.

He said Premadasa had given reasonable time for the troops to leave and the announcement was certain to have some impact in reducing the tension.

There are only 240 registered Indians in Sri Lanka but perhaps several hundred more who work here have not made contact with the Indian High Commission (embassy).

There are also several hundred first-or second-generation Indian business families, excluding Tamils, who have acquired Sri Lankan citizenship and have business interests on the island.

The JVP warning was aimed at non-Tamils and has caused nervousness in the Indian community.

No Indian shops or banks have been

attacked but three Indians, including two managing a sugar mill, were killed in November last year.

TULF leader Appapilla Amirthalingam said he was opposed to the pullout unless Indian forces were replaced by a Tamil police force in the eastern region.

He said Sri Lankan troops had been involved in massacre in the area before the Indians arrived and it had left bitter memories.

"It is only after arrangements are made to establish such a force that the Tamil people will feel safe and confident," Amirthalingam added.

He said the Indian government had promised to protect all communities in the North and East and it should keep that pledge.

The Sri Lankan government has yet to make an official request to India for the pullout.

Many analysts think Premadasa's government has already reached an understanding with the Tigers, who may

be offered the role of administering the northern and eastern provinces.

A Sri Lankan analyst with a research institute who did not want to be named said if no deal had been struck with the Tigers the situation in the Tamil provinces would deteriorate.

The Tigers' first round of talks with the government ended last Sunday and they left to consult their supreme leader Prabhakaran, who is still in hiding in the jungle.

The analyst also said the government would have to involve other Tamil groups in any agreement reached with the Tigers.

The two provinces are currently ruled by the Indian-backed Eelam Peoples' Revolutionary Liberation Front, which is bitterly opposed to the Tigers has not been involved in the talks.

The government has not indicated what role, if any, the Liberation Front would play in any future set-up for the Tamils. (Reuter — Colombo).



Souseuke Uno

## Uno: painter-poet-turned prime minister

SOUSUKE UNO, Japan's new prime minister, is a painter-poet known for his ready turn of phrase and love of literature.

Described by colleagues as articulate and intelligent, Uno, 66, was born the son of a sake (rice wine) brewer near Lake Biwa in western Japan.

Conscripted into the Army in 1943, he was captured by Soviet troops in Northern Korea after they entered the war in its final days.

He attributes his later career in politics to his book 'Domio Tokyo' (Home to Tokyo) about Japanese prisoners of war in Siberia. Published in 1948, it was made into a film three years later.

"I wrote the book to raise public awareness of the need to repatriate Japanese internees from Siberia," he said.

"It was made into a film and even had a major impact on the government of the

day. It was this experience of the power of public opinion that led me to enter politics."

Uno won election to the house of representatives for the first time in the 1960 general election, at the age of 38.

In the following years he helped lay the groundwork for the normalisation of relations between Japan and South Korea, and in the 1970s developed a reputation as one of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) leading experts on finance.

Uno was appointed foreign minister in November 1987, a year later to become one of only a handful of ministers to survive a cabinet reshuffle by Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita aimed at defusing the burgeoning Recruit scandal.

Takeshita was brought down by the shares-for-favours scandal. Uno emerged

untainted.

Nonetheless his nomination as prime minister was opposed by some liberal democratic elders objecting to his connections with Takeshita and former Premier Yasuhiro Nakasone, another victim of the Recruit scandal.

The dissenting party factions said they believed Uno would be little more than a puppet manipulated by Takeshita and Nakasone, who resigned from the LDP to take responsibility for his part in the Recruit affair.

Uno himself has said he will quit as a member of the Nakasone party faction and has pledged himself to political reform.

Noted as a good speaker in television debates, Uno has had much experience in negotiations with the United States.

As state minister in charge of science

and technology for two years from December 1976, he was instrumental in finalising the US-Japan atomic energy agreement.

He was also closely involved in sensitive trade talks with the United States while serving as minister of international trade and industry for six months in 1983.

Other cabinet posts he has held include minister in charge of administrative management in 1976-77 and defence agency chief in 1974.

Under the pseudonym 'reishi', meaning son of the plough, UNO has published two collections of poems. He has also published essays including historical treatises on the region around his hometown of Morioka.

He paints in oils and watercolours, plays the piano and harmonica and is a qualified teacher in Kendo (fencing with bamboo swords).



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## UAE foreign reserves decline

ABU DHABI, June 3, (KUNA): Foreign reserves of currencies and gold in the United Arab Emirates dropped in 1988 to \$4.4 billion compared to \$4.7 billion in 1987, an official report said.

The report, recently issued by the UAE Central Bank for the year 1988, said the reserves went down from 384.6 per cent at the end of 1987 to 353.4 per cent by the end of 1988.

The stability in the UAE dirham exchange rates in 1988 resulted in stability in imports prices and provided support for the local currency's purchase power, which, in turn, helped reduce imported inflation.

This stability, the report noted, paved the way for partial return of funds invested abroad as a result of flourishing in non-oil economic sectors.

### Oil projects

## Iraq to spend over \$6 billion

BAGHDAD, June 3, (Reuters): Iraq will spend more than \$6 billion over the next four years on 30 oil projects, the official Iraqi news agency said today.

It quoted a senior official as saying the projects included development of five oilfields, expansion of export terminals and work on oil export facilities at the port of Khor Al Zubair.

Iraq is expected to resume exports from its Al Bakr oil terminal this month. Al Bakr and other outlets were damaged during the eight-year war with Iran.

## OPEC hopes to clinch output deal

Impasse ruled out

VIENNA, June 3, (Reuters): OPEC ministers voiced optimism today of clinching a deal on oil output quotas to defend this year's big gain in prices but an authoritative source said the talks were at a delicate stage.

One senior minister said the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries would raise the ceiling on the group's total oil output, now 18.5 million barrels a day, to satisfy competing demands among the 13 members to sell more oil.

The minister, who declined to be identified, acknowledged difficulties on sharing out the extra volume among individual country quotas but added: "There will be no impasse."

An authoritative source later said preparatory bilateral exchanges in which OPEC

president Rilwanu Lukman of Nigeria was sounding out key ministers were "at a very delicate stage" and would continue tomorrow.

Oil Minister Mana Said Al Otaiba of the United Arab Emirates, whose country's persistent flouting of its mandated output quota is the biggest OPEC problem, saw his dentist and was not well enough to meet Lukman and other mediators, the source said.

Other highly-placed sources said it would be possible to raise the ceiling on total OPEC output because strong world oil demand was already supporting actual OPEC volume of 21 million barrels of crude oil a day.

The UAE finds its mandated quota too low to satisfy the oil sales ambitions of its component emirates.

A senior delegate from the Gulf said that "there will be an increase in the ceiling of one million barrels or more." Another highly-placed source said strong world oil demand was already supporting actual OPEC volume of 21 million.

"We will continue discussions," said Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Nazer. "We have barely started."

Nazer and 11 other ministers of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries met for about 90 minutes in a run-up to formal strategy sessions that begin Monday.

Venezuela's oil chief, Celestino Armas, said the officials would huddle privately today before sitting down together again tomorrow.

The task ahead of them is to fashion a new accord that will

guide their pricing and output policies for the last six months of the year.

Some have tossed out new ideas that could anger the others.

But most appear unwilling to make changes that could upset what has been a surprisingly strong market so far this year.

Prices are more than 40 per cent above the level of their last ministerial meeting in November.

Diego Tamariz, Ecuador's Oil Minister, said "the main objective of the meeting is to have stability."

Evenness in the market, he said, "will be brought by production levels in accordance with demand."

Some officials predict the ministers may decide to extend temporarily the current accord if they cannot reach a quick con-

sensus.

The 13 producers are meeting together for the first time since last November when they struck a deal that has helped lift prices higher than expected.

The accord for the January-June period set an output ceiling of 18.5 million barrels a day, sharply under output levels late last year.

Prices have skyrocketed since then. The surge has been attributed not only to the organisation's output cuts but also to accidents in oil-producing areas. They have combined to reduce the supply of oil to the world market.

Now, futures for US benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude oil are just above \$20, buoyed by demand and improved, if not total, OPEC supply discipline.



UAE Oil Minister Mana Saeed Al Otaiba enters the conference building where the second meeting of the eight-minister monitoring committee of the OPEC is held in Vienna. On Monday a full OPEC ministers meeting will be held. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Patent experts to discuss computer programmes

### Fight against counterfeit products

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, June 3, (AP): Patent experts from 67 nations kicked off a week-long conference yesterday dealing with copyrighting computer programmes, patenting new plant species and the fight against counterfeit products in Western markets.

The aim of the meeting was "to forge a consensus on a number of important issues" involving the world-wide enforcement of trade marks and patents, said Martin Lutz, the assistant secretary-general of the International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property.

He spoke to reporters prior to

the official opening of the 34th world congress of the 92-year-old organization, which is generally known under its French acronym AIPIPI (Association Internationale Pour La Protection De La Propriete Industrielle).

Although the 1,800 delegates were to discuss dozens of legal and technical topics, the emphasis of the conference was to be on recent developments in protecting computer software and innovations in the biotechnology sector, said Taertse Schaper, the congress chairman.

Although computer programmes are protected by copyright in

most nations, their underlying mathematical structures are not, according to Hank Hanneman, the head of the Patents and Information Department of Océ-Van der Grinten, a Dutch office automation company.

"The question is how to protect the results of extremely expensive fundamental research and development efforts without jeopardising the free flow of scientific information," Hanneman told reporters during yesterday's news conference.

He noted that last year, industry representatives from Western Europe, Japan and the United

States had recommended that mathematical innovations should go unprotected, but the US patent office has recently granted some patents in that field.

"The Bell Research Laboratory has gotten a patent for a new mathematical method allowing the simultaneous calculation of thousands of equations up to ten times as fast as previously," Hanneman said.

Such methods are being applied in complicated programmes for the design of big computerised telephone exchanges or the planning of airline

schedules, according to Hanneman.

He added that "the general trend among patent experts is that the US patent office is going a bit far by granting such patents."

The experts were also expected to explore the brand-new field of biotechnological patents.

Currently, new or improved plants enjoy only limited protection, but companies involved in gene manipulation are seeking better ways to protect their research results, often obtained at great cost, according to congress chairman Schaper.

### Move to create conditions for recovery

## IMF loans for Algeria

WASHINGTON, June 3, (UPI): The International Monetary Fund announced yesterday its first loans ever to Algeria totaling \$588 million in support of the North African country's programme of economic liberalisation.

The IMF approved loans for 470.9 million Special Drawing Rights, its reserve and accounting unit. Of the total, 155.7 million SDRs, equivalent to \$194 million, are available over the next 12 months under a standby loan arrangement.

The fund said the standby loan is for the amount of Algeria's "first credit tranche."

A country's IMF quota, or its share of the multilateral organisation's capital, is divided into portions called tranches. A first tranche loan is subject to less stringent IMF conditions than loans from subsequent quota portions.

This is the first use of fund resources by Algeria, which joined the IMF on Sept. 26, 1963. The North African country's IMF quota is SDR 623.1 million.

The standby loan supports the Algerian government's programme for 1989, which is designed to create conditions for an economic recovery and an increase in employment through structural reforms, the IMF said.

### Alfonsin urged to quit

## Inflation, devaluation bring hunger

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, June 3, (AP): The food riots that killed 14 people this week have ended, but hunger remains in this country that has some of the richest farmland on earth — the pampas — and many more cows and sheep than people.

Rosario, the worst-hit city, "is surrounded by dairies, and yet a litre (quart) of milk costs 100 australs (about 50 cents)," says Patricia Martin, a sociological researcher. That's about two per cent of what many workers earn in a month.

"We have everything — meat, fish, cereals. The food is here," colleague Carlos Flood adds. "It's not like the country doesn't have food. The problem is distribution."

For most Argentines, grocery store prices that go up several times a day have far outstripped wage increases, reflecting inflation that may have increased by 80 per cent in May alone. On an annual basis, that amounts to a hyperinflationary 115,583 per cent a year.

For the poor, almost every austral that doesn't go to rent or clothes or school or transportation to work is spent on food. Nothing is saved.

Edmundo Cerpa, a 44-year-old building porter, used to buy meat several times a week for his family of eight.

For working three, 32-hour shifts a week, Cerpa earns 9,343.50 australs a month, or \$47 at the current exchange rate of about 200-1.

"I do the shopping," the stocky, gray-haired father of four boys and two girls says. "There are some things I never buy, like deserts, grated cheese, butter. I buy less meat than before, and no fish or chicken," which cost more than beef.

"How do we survive? Our children go hungry," Carlos Omar Mostafa, a 33-year-old community organizer, said as he stood in a partially built brick building that had no running water and was illuminated by electricity stolen from a nearby power line.

A prominent politician yesterday urged President Raul Alfonsin to quit.

Alvaro Alsogaray, the leader of the country's third-biggest party, the center-right Union of the Democratic Centre, said Alfonsin should hand power over early to President-elect Carlos Menem, winner of the May 14 national elections.

## EEC won't change aid treaty

### Despite complaints

BRUSSELS, June 3, (Reuters): The European Economic Community today told the Third World it would not radically change its most important trade and aid treaty despite complaints by the developing nations that the pact had failed.

"We cannot consider a radical change to the basic form of our co-operation, EEC Development Commissioner Manuel Marin told the formal opening of talks on a successor to the treaty."

On Friday Fijian Prime Minister Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, president of the 66-strong African Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) group of developing countries, told a preliminary session that the Lome convention had failed to help ACP states boost trade, develop industry or repay debts.

The current convention is worth 8.5 billion Ecu (\$9.5 billion) to the ACP in development aid, compensation for low commodity prices and tariff-free entry of most of ACP goods to the community.

ACP countries say a slump in commodity prices and a general lowering of world tariffs mean Lome is becoming less relevant and needs to be radically restructured.

But Marin said although the current convention was working well and could not be fundamentally changed, the EEC could not ignore all the ACP's appeals and should remain flexible.

The talks, which continue until Monday, are the third in a series of negotiations on a successor to the present treaty, which expires in 1990.

### Market turns mixed

## Kuwait trade volume and value retreat

THE Alshall Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 38.14 points with an increase of 0.25 point — 0.66 per cent — over last week's average. The Alshall Index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 66.95 points with a decrease of 0.48 point — 0.71 per cent — for the same period, according to Alshall Economic Consultants' weekly report.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 14.91 million shares at a daily average of 2.98 million shares with a decrease of 38 per cent from the previous week's daily average of 4.77 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 5.76 million shares at a daily average of 1.15 million shares with a decrease of 21 per cent from last week's daily average of 1.46 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD4.60 million at a daily average of KD0.920 million, a decrease of 45 per cent from last week's daily average of KD1.67 million.

The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.289 million at a daily average of KD0.058 million, a decrease of 12 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.066 million.

The market showed signs of mixed performance leaning to the weak side especially in the non-Kuwaiti shares market.

When market performance gives weak signs, trading activity is usually concentrated on few companies which reflects future trading trends.

The Stock Exchange Authority is presently trying to make few changes in the companies listed in the official stock market, and discussing new policies to allow non-Kuwaiti companies into the official market under certain conditions, together with establishing a new market that allows the listing of smaller promising companies.

"We believe that these new policies will lead to more diversification in the market that would create more confidence among market dealers, in spite of the possible decision of delisting old companies and transferring actually listed companies, which show weak performance, to the new parallel market."

The report said: "These present solutions will not satisfy everyone, but we believe that if less time had been spent concerning this issue, a better solution would have been achieved."

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector led at 75 per cent of total trading against 70 per cent last week.

The Gulf Bank had the lead at 31 per cent followed by The National Bank of Kuwait at 23 per cent and Commercial Bank at 20 per cent.

The investment sector came second at 24 per cent of which National Investment Co. led at 61 per cent followed by Kuwait Investment Projects at 13 per cent and Investment Pearl Kuwait, which is now listed under the real estate sector, at 11 per cent.

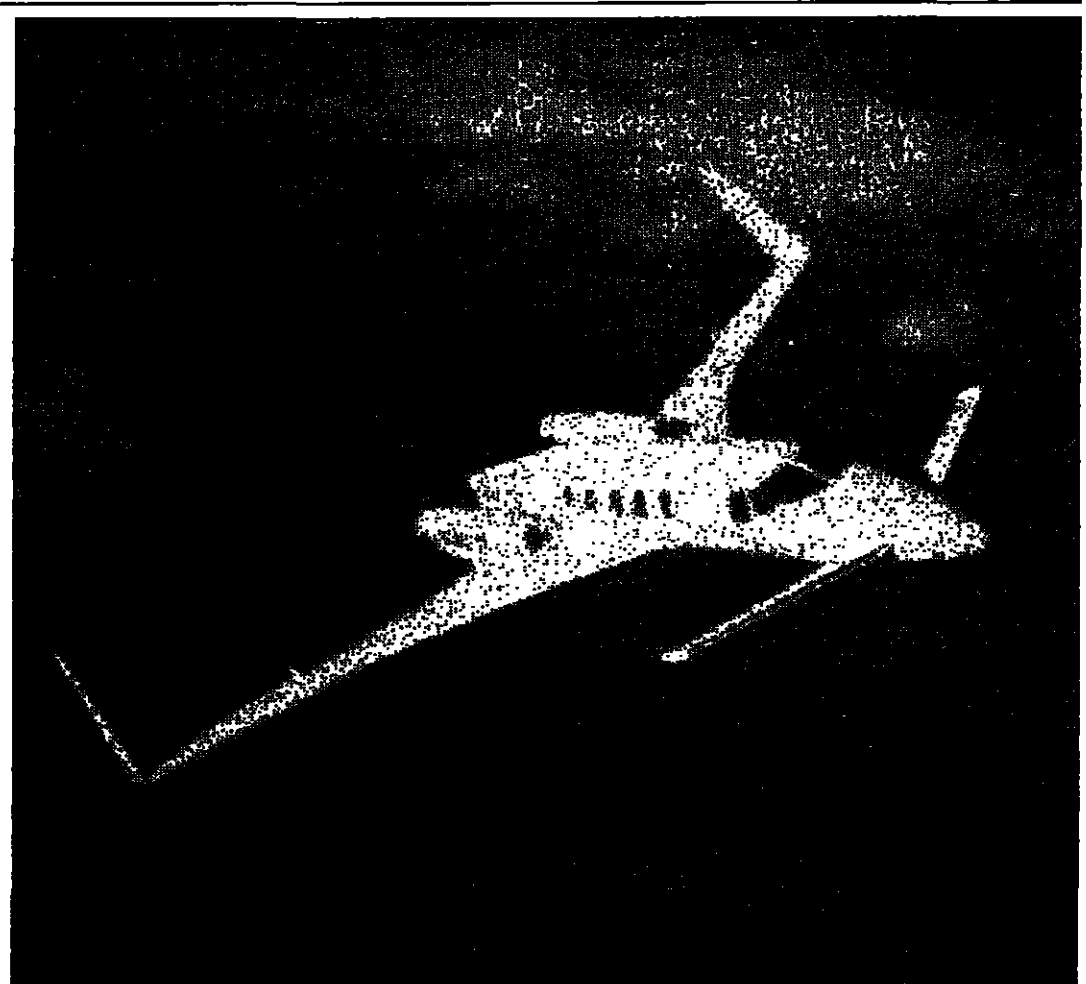
Third came the services sector at 13 per cent of total market trading of which Kuwait Commercial Markets led at 60 per cent followed by Mobile Telephone Systems at 22 per cent and Public Warehousing at 15 per cent. For the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Umm Al Quain Cement led at 26 per cent followed by Bahrain and Middle East Bank at 24 per cent and Coast Investment and Development Company at 24 per cent.

Kuwait shareholding companies index			
	Wednesday 31/05/89	Wednesday 24/05/89	Change points
<b>Banking Sector</b>			
The National Bank	111.20	110.06	1.15
The Gulf Bank	31.92	32.36	-0.44
The Commercial Bank	22.83	23.27	-0.44
Al Ahli Bank	31.79	31.79	—
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	30.50	30.50	—
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	28.29	29.14	-0.86

Burgan Bank	27.06	27.06	—
Kuwait Finance House	78.27	78.27	—
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>46.15</b>	<b>46.14</b>	<b>0.01</b>
<b>Investment Sector</b>			
Kuwait Investment Co.	17.81	17.45	0.37
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	11.34	12.03	-0.69
Inv. Pearl Kuwait	69.05	69.05	—
IFA	31.62	31.62	—
<b>Commercial Facilities</b>	<b>115.50</b>	<b>115.50</b>	<b>—</b>
National Investments	68.63	64.71	3.92
Kuwait Investment Proj.	92.13	93.26	-1.12
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>36.29</b>	<b>33.08</b>	<b>3.21</b>
<b>Insurance Sector</b>			
Kuwait Insurance Co.	34.09	34.09	—
Gulf Insurance Co.	24.62	25.38	-0.77
Aj Ahleia Insurance Co.	48.80	48.80	—
Warba Insurance Co.	62.71	62.71	—
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>35.53</b>	<b>35.73</b>	<b>-0.20</b>
<b>Real Estate Sector</b>			
Kuwait Real Estate	16.82	16.57	0.25
United Realty	6.14	6.14	—
National Real Estate	35.83	35.83	—
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>13.63</b>	<b>13.56</b>	<b>0.07</b>
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Kuwait Cement Co.	11.59	11.59	—
Refrigeration Indust.	84.55	84.55	—
Gulf Cables	109.73	110.87	-1.13
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	73.78	78.22	-4.44
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>30.19</b>	<b>30.53</b>	<b>-0.33</b>
<b>Services Sector</b>			
Kuwait Computer Co.	159.84	162.00	-2.16
Kuwait Cinema Co.	8.56	8.56	—
Public Warehousing Co.	69.70	69.70	—
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	37.29	36.83	0.46
Mobile Telephone Syst.	290.48	290.48	—
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>55.70</b>	<b>55.68</b>	<b>0.01</b>
<b>Food Sector</b>			
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	30.51	30.51	—
United Fisheries	10.62	10.62	—
Kuwait United Poultry	84.34	84.34	—
Kuwait Food Co.	66.67	66.67	—
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>35.78</b>	<b>35.77</b>	<b>0.01</b>
<b>Overall Index</b>	<b>38.14</b>	<b>37.90</b>	<b>0.25</b>

Non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies index			
	Wednesday 31/05/89	Wednesday 24/05/89	Change points
First Gulf Bank	144.74	144.74	—
Bahrain Internat. Bank	86.90	88.28	-1.38
Bahrain M. East Bank	90.17	91.12	-0.95
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	78.10	78.10	—
Arabian Gen. Inv. (SHUAA)	47.73	47.73	—
Umm Al Quain Cement	14.63	14.63	—
Gulf Medical Projects	20.52	20.52	—
<b>Total Index</b>	<b>88.95</b>	<b>87.43</b>	<b>-0.48</b>

—Base period 31/12/1983.  
—All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti companies are included.



### Non-metallic airplane

The first government-certified non-metallic production airplane, an eight passenger Starship (file photo), flew to Paris on Friday to make its debut at the Paris Air Show next week, a Beech Aircraft Corp. official said. (Reuters wirephoto).

### Dramatic turnaround in performance

## Air-India back in the black

1988-89 has been a year of all round progress for Air-India, according to S.V.N. Ranga Rao, regional director (Gulf and Middle East). The year showed the corporation returning to the black with a healthy profit of over Rs40 crores as against a loss of Rs43 crores during the year 1987-88, thus showing a turnaround of Rs83 crores, which is a most remarkable turnaround in the history of the corporation.

Rao said this profit has been earned despite of incurring an additional cost of Rs37 crores towards depreciation and interest as compared with the year 1987-88. The profit of Rs40 crores has been achieved after providing depreciation and interest amounting to Rs186 crores.

"The turnaround in the fortunes of the corporation was mainly achieved because of introduction of direct flights, rationalisation of route structure whereby unnecessary deviations and landings were avoided, upgradation of our services, thus attracting high yield traffic." The yield during 1988-89 was Rs7.49 crores, thus showing tremendous increase of 16.8 per cent as compared with the previous year.

Incidentally, the yield achieved during 1988-89 is the

highest at Rs7.49 crores in the history of the corporation. The operating revenue showed a substantial growth of 15.5 per cent and the total revenue 17.7 per cent without providing any additional capacity during the year.

The substantial operating profit of Rs67 crores of the corporation is the highest operating profit during the last preceding four years.

Rao added the corporation has also resorted to innovative financing by re-financing the

existing loans and by resorting to first cross border lease transaction in India. This would help the corporation in reducing the impact of non-operating costs such as interest, etc.

It is also gratifying to note that during the last couple of months the corporation has been able to arrive at settlements with most of the major unions and is likely to reach agreements with remaining unions shortly, thus bringing in an era of industrial peace in the corporation, which is bound to lead to more prosperous years ahead he added.

### Provisional financial and operating results for 1988-89:

	1988-89	1987-88	Percentage of increase
(Rs in crores)			
Operating revenue	1150.00	996.00	15.5
Operating profit	67.00	(6.03)	—
Total revenue	1205.00	1024.00	17.7
Net profit over Rs40.00 crores (43.00)			
Turnaround achieved Rs83.00 crores			
Capacity provided — No change.			
No. of passengers carried	2.1 million	2.1 million	—
Overall load factor	63.3	63.7	(0.6)
Yield revenue per tonne	7.49	6.41	16.8
K.M. (Rs)			
Capacity utilised (in million)	1372.3	1386.1	(1.0)



## Icahn sells his 42.3m shares in Texaco

NEW YORK, June 3, (UPI) — Carl Icahn, chairman of Trans World Airlines, Thursday sold his 42.3 million shares in Texaco Inc. for more than \$2 billion — 49 a share — in the largest block trade in dollar terms in the history of the New York Stock Exchange.

Texaco sought bankruptcy protection in April 1987 to avoid paying an unprecedented \$10.3 billion judgement awarded to Pennzoil Co. in their bitter battle over Getty Oil Co. ownership. Texaco acquired Getty in 1984.

Icahn began accumulating Texaco stock in late 1987 after the oil company lost several legal rounds in Texas on its bid to have the judgement reversed.

The TWA chairman was a major player behind Texaco's agreement to pay \$3

billion to Pennzoil to settle the Getty Oil dispute.

Icahn also played a role in Texaco's \$5.6 billion reorganisation plan, which included the \$3 billion Pennzoil payment and set the stage for the oil giant's emergence from bankruptcy proceedings in April 1988.

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines announced Thursday it has joined the bidding for Northwest Airlines' parent company, NWA Inc., as a minority partner in the offer by Los Angeles investor Alfred Cecchi.

NWA has been for sale since late March after it rejected a \$90-a-share offer worth \$2.7 billion from Los Angeles investor Marvin Davis.

Northwest set Tuesday Yaaedline for

suitors to submit bids.

Pan Am Corp. said Tuesday it had lined up five banks to help finance its bid for the carrier. The International Association of Machinists, the airline's largest union, also announced Tuesday it had made a bid.

Avon Products Inc. Tuesday snubbed a merger overture by Mary Kay Cosmetics Inc., a rival door-to-door cosmetics company, with Avon's chairman, in a now familiar refrain, stating the company is not for sale.

"We see no advantage to combining our operations through some form of leveraged buyout or other arrangement," Avon chairman James E. Preston said in a letter to Mary Kay's vice-chairman, John Rochon.

Avon rejected a \$2.1 billion proposal from Amway Corp. two weeks ago.

LTV Corp., currently in chapter 11 bankruptcy, said Tuesday it will sell its steel bar division for an undisclosed sum to the division's 4,700 employees who will run it as a separate business in Massillon, Ohio.

LTV, the aerospace-defence-steel-energy conglomerate headquartered in Dallas, had tried to sell the division since last October.

General Electric Co. said Tuesday it had chosen American Telephone and Telegraph Co., British Telecom PLC and France Telecom Inc. to build a global communications network that will link GE offices world-wide.

UK economy shows evidence of slowdown

## US equity and bond markets recover

AS anticipated the dollar entered a consolidation and correction phase this week with the markets reflecting on higher interest rates in Japan, and expectations of increases elsewhere. Whilst data releases on the real economy provided reasonably robust evidence, the key employment numbers were sharply down on expectations, easing earlier inflation concerns and fuelling speculation that the Fed could be looking to ease policy shortly. This was underlined by S.W. Bank of St Louis reducing their prime rates by half a percentage point to 11 per cent (others however, may not be as quick to follow), according to NBR weekly money market review.

Equity and bond markets recovered on the employment news whilst the dollar ended the week lower at DM1.966 and yen 141.9.

New home sales rose a much higher than forecast 10.9 per cent in April to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 620,000 units. This followed a revised 10.4 per cent fall in March compared with the 5.5 per cent decrease originally reported.

Factory orders increased 2.7 per cent in April following a 0.7 per cent rise in March and a 2 per cent fall in February. This was the largest monthly increase since December when orders rose

4.7 per cent and was greater than the 1.3 per cent forecast.

Leading indicators rose by 0.8 per cent in April as expected following falls of 0.6 per cent and 0.3 per cent in March and February respectively. Over the past year the leading index has risen 3 per cent compared with a 2.5 per cent increase in the previous year.

Unemployment as expected increased by 5.2 per cent in May following a 5.3 per cent increase in April and compares with a 5.6 per cent rise in May 1988.

Non-farm payroll increased by a much lower than anticipated 101,000 in May following an upwardly revised figure of 206,000 new jobs in April.

The correction phase is anticipated to continue over the forthcoming week with markets keenly awaiting the major data release of the PPI. "We still maintain that inflationary pressures have yet to completely subside and a number of 0.5 per cent or above is expected. Consequently this will rule out immediate speculation of a Fed ease and the dollar should continue to maintain support."

"We continue to reiterate that the dollar's bullish phase has still some way to go. With perceived investment opportunities elsewhere currently diminished, economic trends in the US are being reassessed. The prevailing

tight monetary stance and fiscal rectitude suggesting a shortage of dollars against a rising investor preference for US denominated assets is expected to continue over the summer months to maintain the dollar's position."

Trading ranges for the coming week are: DM1.94-2.01 and yen 138-143.

Most of this week's movements in the FX markets centred on sterling. Sterling had a bad week falling at one point to \$1.5585 (its lowest level against the dollar since February 1987) and declining on the crosses against the DM to DM3.1075.

The pound ended the week slightly higher than its earlier lows at £/\$1.587 and DM3.11.

"We have reiterated time and again that a currency which has become increasingly sensitive to interest rates remains vulnerable on the downside to an expanded current account deficit and rising prices. Although pressure on sterling diminished somewhat towards the end of the week, a further precipitous decline could still take place."

Whilst arguably there is no domestic justification for increasing interest rates with the economy showing evidence of slowdown the need to defend sterling could see base rates move even higher.

Slow growth in jobs spurs talk of lower rates

## Economy is cooling

WASHINGTON, June 3, (Reuters) — The US unemployment rate dipped to 5.2 per cent in May, the government said yesterday but a surprising slowdown in job creation gave fresh evidence that the economy is cooling and interest rates may be about to fall.

While the Labour Department said the jobless rate fell from 5.3 per cent in April, the financial markets focused instead on the closely watched figure of new non-farm job growth, which slowed to 101,000 jobs after a revised 206,000 jobs in April.

The rate of job growth was the slowest since March 1986, when 84,000 jobs were added to non-farm payrolls. April's total was revised upward from an originally reported 117,000.

The data confirmed recent evidence that the economy is cooling, which could prompt the Federal Reserve Board to ease its year-long grip on credit.

The central bank has pushed up interest rates over the past year to bring inflation out of the economy. Sensing the trend, Southwest Bank of St Louis immediately said it would lower its prime lending rate, or what it charges preferred customers, to 11.0 per cent from 11.5 per cent, effective on Monday. Other banks are soon expected to follow suit.

The Bush administration has urged the Fed to relax credit to weaken the soaring dollar and thus help reduce the US trade deficit. Higher interest rates make the dollar and dollar-linked investments more attractive, but in turn make US exports more expensive.

The unemployment report, the first look at the economy's performance in May, said a tepid 101,000 new jobs were added to non-farm payrolls last month, the smallest monthly gain since 84,000 new jobs were created in March 1986.

## Fresh move to boost economy

Development plan

MEXICO CITY, June 3, (UPI) — President Carlos Salinas De Gortari unveiled a six-year development plan yesterday aimed at boosting Mexico's crisis-ridden economy and improving its international image to lure more foreign investment.

"Change in our political, economic and social life is indispensable," Salinas said as he outlined the 143-page document in Mexico City's National Palace. "It is the urgent demand of all groups and sectors in every region of the country."

The national development plan — a traditional guide to the goals and objectives of each Mexican President's six-year term — comes six months into the Salinas administration.

Salinas said the plan's major targets are "to protect Mexico's sovereignty and promote its international interests, boost its democratic life, regain economic growth with price stability and elevate productivity, the quality of life of the Mexican people."

The speech echoed many themes which the Harvard-educated Salinas used during his electoral campaign last year.

Salinas, of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, was elected last May in a voting marred by allegations of voter fraud. The PRI has ruled Mexico for 60 years.

The development plan seeks to improve the country's political institutions by "reforming existing electoral practices, containing the electoral debate and boosting political participation among Mexican citizens," Salinas said.

He said the plan's economic strategy has two aims: to achieve a 6 per cent annual growth rate "under conditions of economic stability" and to lower inflation.

Stocks surge to highest in nearly 20 months

## Interest rate bulls romping

NEW YORK, June 3, (AP) — Financial analysts and investors who proclaimed a couple of months ago that interest rates were peaking are feeling pretty good about themselves right now.

Since late March, long-term interest rates in the government securities market have fallen from roughly 9.3 per cent to 8.5 per cent.

As for short-term interest rates, yields on three-month Treasury bills have dropped over the same period from 9.4 per cent to 8.6 per cent.

The nation's major banks, which have raised their prime lending rates by stages from 8.5 per cent to 11.5 per cent since early 1988, now seem poised to lower them by at least half a percentage point.

All they are awaiting, analysts say, is the slightest signal from the Federal Reserve that it is ready to begin relaxing its credit policy in response to evidence that the economy has slowed.

The latest exhibit for that case came Friday, when the Labour Department reported employment growth of 101,000 in May, only about half of what private economists had forecast.

Janet Norwood, commissioner of the Bureau of Labour Statistics said what expansion occurred during the month was "very slow" and limited to just a few industries.

Wall Street yesterday advanced to its highest level in nearly 20 months, climbing to heights it has not seen since shortly before the October 1987 stock market crash.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 27.20 points to 2,517.83, according to early, unofficial figures. That would be the highest close since October 7, 1987, when it finished at 2,551.08 before the string of losses that culminated in the 508-point plunge on October 19, 1987.

"The market is going up for the right reasons," declared Stephen Leeb in his investment advisory letter Indicator Digest.

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## Japan's account surplus shrinks

TOKYO, June 3, (AP) — Japan's current account surplus in April fell 5.7 per cent from a year earlier but rose 2.6 per cent over the previous month, the Finance Ministry announced yesterday.

The ministry said the surplus in the current account, the broadest measure of a nation's financial flows, was \$6.483 billion in April, compared with \$6.878 billion a year earlier and \$6.321 billion in March.

Ministry officials attributed the results to a decline in exports and imports in April, as measured when contracts were settled, from March's record-breaking highs, although both rose from levels a year before.

Japan's trade surplus showed the same pattern as the current account, declining in April to \$8.123 billion from \$8.481 billion a year earlier but growing from \$8.083 billion in March, the ministry said.

Exports climbed 3.6 per cent in April from a year earlier to \$22.796 billion, but declined 12.0 per cent

from March's record high of \$25.904 billion.

April imports rose 8.4 per cent to \$14.673 billion from a year earlier, but fell 17.7 per cent from March's record level of \$17.821 billion.

"It's difficult to give clear answers for why export and import performance levelled off from March's record highs," a Finance Ministry official said. "We know that March's very high import figure represented a change from February's restrained economic activity (caused in part by Emperor Hirohito's funeral) and stepped-up shipments prior to April's new consumption tax," he said.

So you could say the latest import figures were affected by the tax which took effect April 1," he added.

The new national 3 per cent consumption tax applies to most goods and services.

But the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the ministry was unsure why exports had declined on a month-to-month basis.

## Tin trading returns to London exchange

LONDON, June 3, (Reuters) — Tin trading returned to the floor of the London Metal Exchange on Thursday, 3-1/2 years after it was suspended following a commercial crisis that sent prices crashing and halted official business in the metal.

Traders described the resumption of business as smooth with a reasonable amount of interest.

High-grade tin for three-month delivery traded up to a high of \$10,400 a tonne — \$300 above levels indicated on Wednesday on the European free market — before easing back slightly. Volume was put at 1,740 tonnes.

Re-launch of daily LME tin trading periods means producers, dealers and consumers will again have a public marketplace for the metal, which has regained some of its popularity.

The LME halted trading in late 1985 after the International Tin Council, which bought tin when prices were low and sold when prices were high to stabilise the market, ran out of funds.

LME chairman Christopher Green told reporters on Thursday it was unlikely the tin contract would make it into the big turnover league.

But, he added, for the first time for about 30 years trading would be free from untoward interference. "We hope this will prove to be a success," he said.

Recently things have been looking up for tin and the Third World nations which produce it. Prices rose between the start of the year and mid-April by some \$3,400 a tonne to a three-year high of \$10,890 and have held close to \$10,000 ever since.

Tin-coated steel has been gaining ground against aluminium in the beer and soft drinks canning industries.

Tin and copper are among the longest traded metals on the LME, having made their debut in 1877 — a year after the exchange was formed.

## Stronger currency co-ordination urged

'Process should continue and grow'

PARIS, June 3, (Reuters) — The Group of Seven (G-7) top Western industrial nations, suffering from see-saw fluctuations in the dollar, should tighten co-ordination on exchange rates to bring greater stability to their currencies, French Central Bank chief Jacques de Larosiere said today.

Expanding on an idea proposed on Wednesday by President Francois Mitterrand, De Larosiere said present G-7 currency co-ordination, based on the 1985 Plaza and 1987 Louvre accords and supplemented by central bank intervention, should be extended.

"Major industrialised states have begun the process of economic and exchange rate policy co-ordination," he said. "It is essential that this process should continue and grow."

De Larosiere made his remarks in a speech to the Foreign Exchange Dealers Association meeting in Lisbon.

A former governor of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), De Larosiere said the Washington-based agency's responsibility for surveillance of exchange rates may be one practical method of achieving managed currencies.

This "cannot fail to help the return to a greater formalisation of exchange rate rules," he said. "At the level of the International Monetary System, this is the essential basis on which to succeed."

Mitterrand first proposed the idea to economy ministers of the 24 member nations of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) during their annual meeting in Paris this week.

The OECD came up with no clear solution to the dollar's surge which threatens to reverse a correction in trade imbalances and has exposed the fragile nature of G-7 co-ordination.

Though the French President has not yet proposed placing managed currencies on the agenda of the G-7 summit in Paris on July 14, economists believe he may yet attempt to do so.

So far, Mitterrand has emphasised he wants the summit to produce new initiatives on world debt and environmental protection.

Economists noted however that a similar managed currency suggestion made by Edouard Balladur, finance minister under the right-of-centre Jacques Chirac government, found little international support in 1987.

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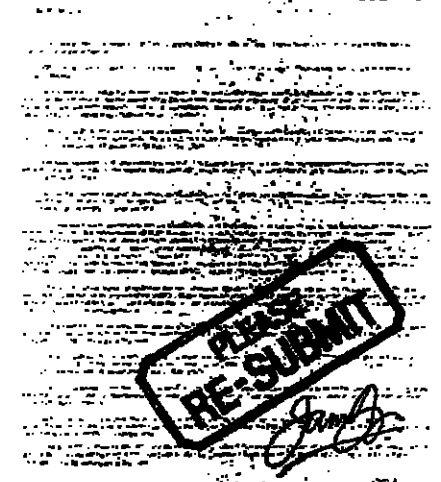
De Larosiere said floating exchange rates, which began in 1971 with the end of the Bretton Woods fixed rate system, were increasingly being called into question.

Floating had not as hoped freed domestic policies from international influence. It had not eliminated trade imbalances between major nations, nor deterred currency speculation.

By contrast, the stability brought by confidential G-7 currency ranges backed by central bank intervention had reduced uncertainty on financial markets, improved the economic climate and encouraged growth in investment and world trade, he said.

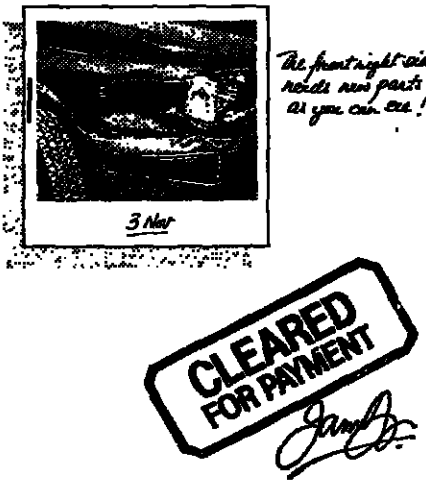
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Number of incidents on the increase in India

# Dowry deaths: still a burning problem

By Simon Kimersley  
SHE had been married just a year when the end came — a finish much more permanent than separation or divorce. He tipped a can of paraffin all over her, soaking her hair and clothes. Then he stood back and smiled as he watched the terror in her face. He pulled out a box of matches, struck one — and threw it at her.

Her screams could be heard several houses away. They were louder than any the neighbours had heard in the months before. Death didn't come until days after the flames that had enveloped her body had died down. There was nothing the doctors at the hospital could do except take away some of the terrible pain. She had 90 per cent burns and the nylon of her sari had melted into her skin.

Shobha (whose face in our photograph has been disguised) described to her parents what had happened through a mist of painkillers.

Her husband, not surprisingly, insisted that it had all been an accident. She had been cooking using the paraffin stove. He had warned her about the dangers, but once again she had built up too much pressure. It had exploded, covering her in a sheet of flame.

Shobha was just 20 when she died and she'd been married less than a year. The whole tragic story made just a couple of lines in the local paper. After all, who was going to raise much fuss? Official figures list such deaths at the rate of four a day, while most people acknowledge it could run at 100 a week, maybe even more.

In India they call them either Dowry Deaths or Burning Brides, and the number of incidents is on the increase.

At the root of the problem is the dowry, the gifts expected by the groom and his family from the bride's parents for taking their daughter. It could be cash, gold, property, things for the house or personal items. The value could be as little as \$100 or run into thousands, according to the finances of the family.

The dowry system began as a few gifts to set up the new

home," says Ammu Abraham of the Women's Centre in Santa Cruz, a suburb of Bombay. "But over the years the expectations and demands have changed. Families now expect a lot of cash to be given and if it's not, then they look for another bride for their son."

"And the custom has changed so that the demands continue even after the daughter has married. More money is ordered, then presents like a scooter or television. When the bride's parents refuse or they simply haven't the money, then the harassment of the bride begins. This can mean verbal abuse and terrible blows, it can mean threats of violence, or attacks and regular beatings. Finally there is the very real threat of death."

**Deaths**  
According to the Women's Centre, dowry deaths — and the terrible pressures on women who discover too late that their husband's married them only for what their parents can provide — cross all social and most religious barriers. They know that the problem is by no means confined to the working classes and ill-educated, it is also a major issue among the more affluent middle classes.

In a world and a country where marriages are frequently arranged rather than a result of true love, the dowry and what it's worth is very much part of the package and taken into account by the parents of an eligible son. Like customers at a car showroom, if they don't like the deal, then they'll pass on to another girl, whatever the feelings of the prospective partners.

Last year there was the tragic story of three sisters, Mamta, Alka and Poonam, who could take no more of the parading in front of a series of prospective bridegrooms, only to be rejected because of their inadequate dowry. In desperation, the three of them made a suicide pact and hanged themselves in the family living room. Such is the pressure of dowry.

But, as so many women have found to their cost, sometimes there is no end to the paying.

The parents of Madhu handed over £2,000 and five acres of land when their daughter married.

But the demands from the husband and in-laws continued. They sent the girl to Coventry, refusing to talk to her for weeks, made her eat their left-overs, locked her away for days at a time. Eventually, her body was found at the bottom of a well. Her husband was imprisoned for two years.

There are cases like that of Kamala, who was burnt to death when her mother-in-law hurled a stove at her. When neighbours, alerted by her screams, beat the door down and tried to rescue her, the woman threw two more nylon saris on her, fuelling the flames still further. Kanchan, a 19-year-old, was burnt to death by her husband when her parents refused to give him a television, on top of the jewellery and cash they'd already handed over.

**Terrifying**  
An insight into the terrifying world of a woman under threat of becoming a burning bride is provided by Mangala, an attractive 22-year-old, who is one of the few women to have survived such a marriage. "The harassment started within a few days of our wedding," she recalls. "The family were demanding that my parents give my husband a motorbike."

"When I told them that they had given all the money they could afford, I was beaten up. It was so frightening, because they would attack me regularly and often when I wasn't expecting it — when I was asleep or washing. They told my parents that I had died and my body had been disposed of, then they threw me out of the house. But my husband came after me, dragged me back by my hair and locked me in a room."

"After that, I was beaten up, either by him or his parents, every day. I think they were planning to kill me. Had it not been for a neighbour who couldn't bear hearing me scream all the time and reported it to the police, then I wouldn't be here now. As it was, the police arres-

ted my husband and his parents and rescued me. My mother and father were very surprised to see me."

Her story is almost unique, if only because it's one of the few with a happy ending. Yet, for all the suffering, terror and even death caused by dowry, it seems remarkable to discover that in fact demanding dowry, whether in money or gifts, was outlawed 28 years ago. But "expecting" gifts from a bride's family is not illegal and it is this grey area that removes the safety net for millions of women in India. After all, how do you create an act that explains the difference between demand and expectation?

It is these blurrings in legislation, Justice Syed Massoud agrees, which make the law so difficult to enforce and to protect women as it was intended.

"Many acts have been passed to prevent the payment of dowry," he says. "The taking or receiving of dowry is prohibited and people can be prosecuted. But what is the difference between dowry and gift? More importantly, who is going to lodge the complaint? Certainly not the bride or her parents if they fear for her life. Another problem is that many of them aren't even aware of the law, or that there's something there to protect them."

Yet, according to the Women's Centre, payments may go on for years, with the bride's parents handing over money or goods pretty much on demand. "It's really a lifelong threat and a lifelong blackmail," Ammu Abraham says. "The parents know that there's always the very real danger that if they don't pay then, at the very least, their daughter will be harassed and probably beaten up. At the other extreme, she could be brutally murdered. It's no wonder that they give if they possibly can."

"For the wife, there's the additional fear for her own children. That's one of the reasons why very few will give statements to the police even after they've been burnt or beaten — even then, intimidat-

tion goes on for other members of the family."

In India, there is no doubt that dowry violence is a growing problem. Even the official statistics show an annual increase of 20-30 per cent, and police admit that so far, convictions have been few and far between.

"Always there is the difficulty of trying to prove which was suicide, which was a murder and who died by accident," one officer told me.

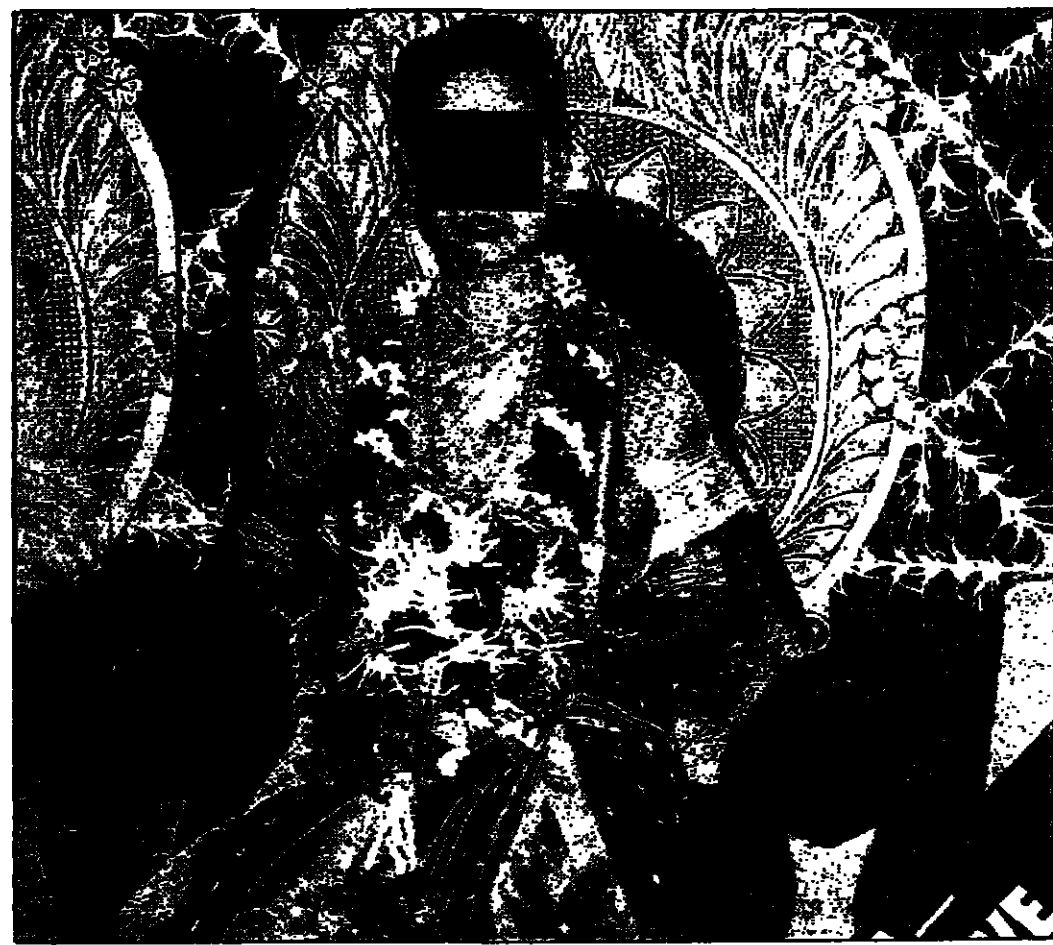
"There are usually no witnesses, other than the family, and they certainly can't be relied upon to tell the truth. So, you talk of rows and arguments, shouting and fighting, but that doesn't prove anything in itself. So, that leaves you with the wife who's either dead or too frightened to give a statement."

The incident books in police stations are themselves revealing. Flicking through the pages, and looking through the cause of death for women, a startling number turn out to be caused through burns. The duty sergeant who let me see one such book shrugged his shoulders when this was pointed out. It proved nothing, he insisted, beyond the fact that many women died because of burns.

The Santa Cruz Women's Centre agrees that the number of Dowry death cases continues to rise. It's an alarming trend, which they feel helpless to deal with — unless women are prepared to step forward, own up to what's happening in their homes and press charges.

But the social stigma that comes with that makes it very hard. Women fear bringing dishonour on their own family, of being thrown out by their in-laws, if they get a conviction, of being made destitute with their children. So they stay with their husbands and suffer.

Ammu Abraham recalls, "One woman who was being harassed and beaten up moved back in with her parents. But she felt that she'd deserted her husband so, against our advice, she went back to him. Within three months she was in hospital with 90 per cent burns. Two



Shobha on her wedding day. Less than a year later, her husband allegedly doused her in paraffin and set her alight.

days later, she was dead."

While it is estimated that some 80 per cent of the burns cases in some hospitals are as a direct result of bride burning, in many instances there is nothing to stop the husband and his parents starting the process all over again.

"It's become a way for a family to accumulate wealth," says Ammu Abraham. "You could call it asset stripping. You empty out the coffers of one family and, when there's nothing left, get rid of the daughter, find another wife and repeat the process."

It's no wonder most parents pray that their children turn out to be sons. After all, under the dowry system, boys bring in wealth whereas girls drain the family finances. Inevitably, according to Ammu Abraham, some would-be parents are prepared to do something more positive about determining their child's sex.

"Even though it's been outlawed, a lot of them go in for sex determination. The wife will have an amniocentesis, not to

see if the foetus is healthy, but to find out its sex. It'll cost them £20 to find out, which is a lot cheaper than the £2,000 which the dowry could cost. If it's a girl, then they'll have an abortion for £3 and then try again."

Her allegations are backed up by the male to female ratio of births, which in almost every country in the world favours the female. In India it's 1000/933 in favour of the male. Coincidence? Definitely not, Ammu insists. What's more, the number of girls born has shown a steady decline since dowry became an acknowledged problem.

**Fear**  
Where will it end? As the law currently stands, not only are dowries illegal, but the police must investigate the cases of all wives who die within seven years of getting married, whatever the circumstances. But what can they do when they faced with no evidence apart from a charred body?

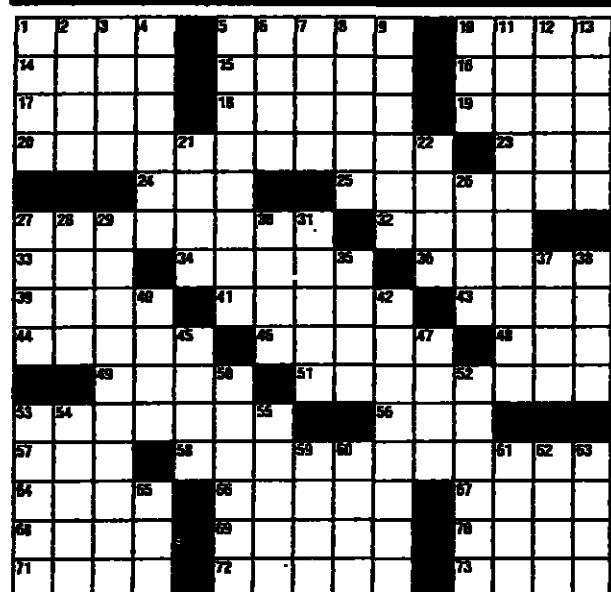
At the end, all that's left is still more fear. I met the parents of one girl who'd died earlier

that day — they'd come into the hospital to provide final identification of their daughter. In between the tears and sadness, they begged for her not to be named, since they were terrified of further reprisals.

"They cannot take any more money from us because we had given them everything to spare her, and we are still borrowing money, at 15 per cent a month. Now we fear for the life of our granddaughter. They have warned us, if we cause trouble, she could be in great danger. Even though they have taken the person we treasured and loved most, there are still the threats."

Justice Massoud insists that the legal system can comfortably deal with such threats. But the parents who lose their daughters have less faith in the system under which murderers are protected by their victims, brides continue to burn, dowry deaths go on and the authorities admit they are powerless until someone speaks out. A vicious, tragic circle to which there seems no end, no hope.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Frilled collar
  - 5 Organ keyboard attachment
  - 10 Feel nostalgia for
  - 14 Woody Guthrie's son
  - 15 Sports palace
  - 16 Shot and shell
  - 17 Composer Stravinsky
  - 18 Talks wildly
  - 19 Golf tournament
  - 20 Unused: Dillon: Clock sound
  - 23 Scandal sheet
  - 24 Actor Wallach
  - 25 Singers of Jewish liturgy
  - 27 Eats one's words
  - 32 "A — with a View"
  - 33 Chinese-Soviet river
  - 34 Former school requisite
  - 36 Did office work
  - 39 March exits as one
  - 41 Water pluckers
  - 43 Playing the lead
  - 44 Glowling coal
  - 46 Smiley's people?
  - 48 Like some humor
  - 49 Western Indians
  - 51 Divides, as grapefruit
  - 53 Hold spellbound
  - 56 Ad — (to the point)
  - 57 Northern diving bird
  - 58 Tiny opening: Royal Gardens: Conifer
  - 64 Adam's third son
  - 66 Kindled again
  - 67 Mideast gulf
- DOWN**
- 68 Reveler's cry of yore
  - 69 French historian: 1828-93
  - 70 Interpreted
  - 71 What Silas Marner worked at
  - 72 Party animals
  - 73 Salts DOWN
  - 1 Weather word
  - 2 Importune
  - 3 Stream
  - 4 Sometime
  - 5 Very small bit
  - 6 Part of QED
  - 7 Fender bender
  - 8 "— Hay": Hudley
  - 9 East Indian sailor
  - 10 Famous chairman
  - 11 Young rascal: Easy win: Pair
  - 12 Sling mud at
  - 13 Berlin creations
  - 21 Too bad!
  - 22 Half hitch
  - 26 Yo-yos
  - 27 Annoy
  - 28 Ancient Susiana
  - 29 Young Cratchit: It stops here: As well
  - 30 Marbles
  - 31 Dance movements
  - 35 Pennsylvania port
  - 37 Meat
  - 38 Prohibitionists
  - 40 One of the March girls
  - 42 Puts out of sight
  - 45 Gather in
  - 47 Yesterday's roast today
  - 50 Contemptuous sounds
  - 52 Pass along
  - 53 Atelier feature
  - 54 New, in Madrid
  - 55 Pick up the bill
  - 59 Director Kazan
  - 60 Part of a royal flush
  - 61 Brainstorm
  - 62 Stingy
  - 63 Extremities
  - 65 Do a dressmaking job

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

- Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:**  
♠ KQ5 ♥ AJ52 ♦ K105 ♣ J73  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♦ 2 ♠  
What action do you take?
- Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:**  
♠ 83 ♥ KJ1052 ♦ 106 ♣ AK104  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
2 NT Pass ?  
What do you bid now?
- Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:**  
♠ 83 ♥ KJ1052 ♦ 106 ♣ AK104  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
What action do you take?
- Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:**  
♠ K95 ♥ AJ32 ♦ KJ3 ♣ QJ5  
Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What do you respond?
- Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:**  
♠ 6 ♥ KQ10732 ♦ AKJ53 ♣ 6  
Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What do you respond?
- Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:**  
♠ Q104 ♥ 742 ♦ J732 ♣ KQ3  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
2 ♥ 3 ♠ ?  
What action do you take?

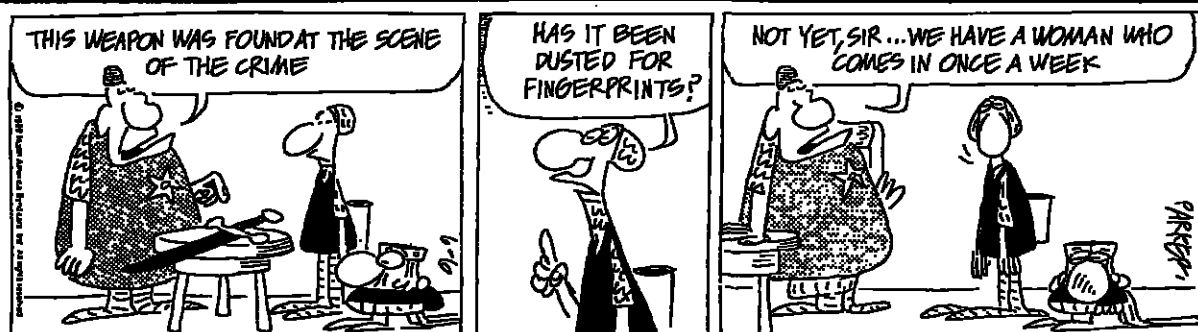


"You've got one hope ... reincarnation."



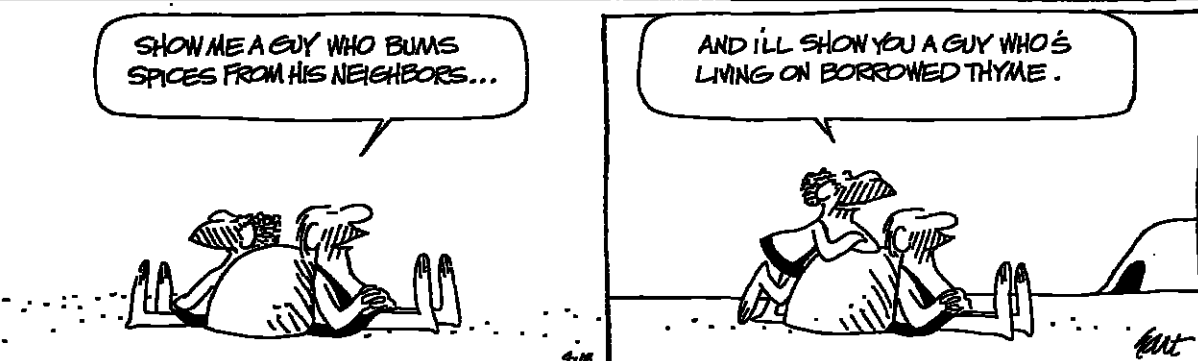
## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**  
You should not always insist on having the last word. Make sure your partner is aware of your love. Use just a little more common-sense. Be generous.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**  
You will have to be a little more patient but your patience will be rewarded. You should not allow others to take advantage of you. Make sure you get some exercise but do not strain yourself. Be fair.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)**  
You will be able to overcome a certain amount of uncertainty. You should not try to be in too great a hurry but do not dawdle either. Avoid spending as if you had all the money in the world. Be less extravagant.
- Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)**  
You will have plenty of energy but must beware of squandering it. You should beware of eating more sweet things than you know you should. Have the courage of your convictions. Be reliable.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**  
Try to relax a little, take your mind off work. Do not do anything that goes against your sense of what is right. Avoid using force where charm has failed. Be frank.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**  
You are more likely to have some personal success but you must not expect it to fall into your lap. Make sure you do not take any health risks. Avoid making promises you would find hard to keep. Be sensible.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)**  
The prospects are good only you must not expect everything to fall into your lap. Concentrate on doing what is practical not on what is theoretical or conjectural. Do not be in too great a hurry. Be careful.
- Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)**  
You will be able to make the best of a good opportunity. You should not expect others to do everything that you would like them to. You will find a new and better way of doing things. Be more trusting.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**  
You will feel more healthy than of late but you must still take good care of your health. You should spend a little more time with your friends. Avoid always looking on the dark side. Be amenable.
- Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**  
You will find a new and better way of doing something you have done in a certain way for too long. You should let others have their say and listen to what they are saying. Avoid taking too much for granted and hoping for the best.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**  
You will be able to get on with things but you must not expect others to agree with everything you say or do. You will be able to make up a quarrel and should do so. Do not think that only others make mistakes. Be hopeful.
- Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**  
The prospects are good but you must not take everything for granted. Avoid relying too much on mechanical or electronic devices. Your lucky numbers are 18 and 32. There is no time to be lost. Be polite.



## FILIPINO DIGEST

## SNIPPETS

**QUIAPO:** Two suspected members of a syndicate printing counterfeit money were arrested in Quiapo by agents of the Criminal Investigation Service (CIS) last week.

Seized from Alex Guinto, 22, and Yosop Datu Manong, 34, was a total of P19,300 bogus money, said CIS-National Capital District chief Col Rex Pias.

Pias said his office in Camp Crame last week received a tip about the syndicate's activities.

NCD-CISS intelligence men-led by Capt. Balligi Tira and Lt. Wilfredo Celaje placed the area under surveillance. Tira and his men then implemented a buy-bust operation and arrested Guinto and Manong at the Muslim compound in Quiapo at about 8 am.

Tira said Guinto and Manong admitted they were members of a group that passed off counterfeit money in public.

They also claimed that millions of fake P50 and P100 bills have been circulated by the syndicate in Metro Manila and parts of the country, Tira said.

A certain "Ali Punto", a native of Mindanao, is reportedly the syndicate boss, Tira added.

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**MANILA:** A Social Security System employee was charged with falsification of a construction progress report before the Sandiganbayan.

SSS real estate appraiser Nilo Santos of 39 Crystal St., Twin River Subd., Marikina, was charged by Tanodbayan Prosecutor Rodolfo Reynoso.

Records showed that on Feb 7, 1984, Santos reported that 95 per cent of the house of borrower Jesse Martin was finished, prompting SSS to pay Martin P12,750.

When rechecked, only 70 per cent of Martin's house was found completed.

Bail for Santos' temporary liberty was set at P15,000.

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**BULACAN:** A labourer was killed and two others were seriously injured when the jeep carrying them rammed a Meralco post along the provincial road in Barangay Pangnay, Guiguinto, Bulacan.

Fined to death was Rosevelt Marcelo, 23.

Injured were driver Noriel Marcelo, 23, and Florenciano Pantaleon, 23, both of Barangay Perez, Bulacan.

Guiguinto police chief Capt. Armando Morelos, said the jeep was on its way to MacArthur highway.

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**RIZAL:** Two wealthy businessmen were murdered by two of their associates after they were robbed of P120,000 in cash in Binangonan, Rizal.

Riddled with 45 bullets and burned to a crisp were Realito Gutierrez and Leonardo Cacao, both of Julian Jose Subdivision, Calamba, Laguna.

Binangonan Police chief Maj. Diosdado Ybanez said Gutierrez and Cacao left their place at 7 pm Tuesday with two other men. "Sab po nila, may puntaban silang importanteng negosyo," witnesses told police.

The group boarded a motorised banca driven by a certain Dan and got off at Pritil in Binangonan.

Two hours later, the companions of Gutierrez and Cacao were seen boarding another banca driven by a certain Alfred with the money bag of the two.

"Para nga ho silang nangangina," witnesses told police.

Yesterday, a group of fishermen found the victims covered with dry leaves in Barangay Pinaglawan.

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**MAKATI:** Shipments of shoes, perfumes and computer sets were seized by Customs authorities when the documents covering the goods were found to be fake.

The shipments were consigned to several companies, including Rustan's Department Store.

The 68 parcels containing Bally shoes, Tretorn rubber shoes and perfumes were consigned to Rustans, said airport customs collector Zapiro Respicio.

The computer sets, complete with keyboards and processors, were consigned to Rank Sale Corporation of No 5 Fortune Bldg., Legaspi Village, Makati.

Respicio said the shipping documents covering the seized goods were found to be faked and the signature, of customs examiners and appraisers were forged.

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**MADRID:** The body of Filipino victim of the ill-fated Anna Leonhardt was found on Spanish shore, the Philippine embassy in Madrid reported last week.

Ten of the 15 crewmen reported missing when the 3,900-ton West German freighter was battered by a powerful hurricane in the Atlantic Ocean early last March had been found.

Of the ten bodies found in an advanced state of decomposition, three were identified as Filipinos. They were Domingo Regacho, Asterio de Guzman and Hilario Rosal.

The other two were identified as German nationals. The rest remained unidentified.

Earlier, the Spanish authorities ordered the immediate burial of the two Filipino seamen who drifted into the Spanish shore if they failed to receive instructions from Manila.

Philippine Ambassador to Spain Juan Jose Rocha identified the other missing Filipino crewmen as Armando Alegre, Abundia Mercado, Vicente Cruz, Carlos Torre, Reynaldo Robles, Luisito Pedros, Henry Parcon and Rodrigo Palmara.

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**PARANAQUE:** A pedicab driver was stabbed dead while asleep and a laborer was killed by his co-worker in Pasay City and in Paranaque.

Pedicab driver Vicente Villamala Jr., 29, of 2205 Cinco de Junio St., Pasay City, died before reaching Pasay City General Hospital. He had a stab wound in the chest.

Officer-on-case Pfc. Cesar Manansala Jr. said Villamala was asleep in his pedicab parked on Libertad St. when attacked by an unidentified man.

In Paranaque, labourer Joshua Aracilles, 29, of JMP Enterprise, JMP Compound, 4th Estate Subdivision, died from a stab wound in the stomach.

Pfc. Rodolfo de Leon gathered from witnesses that Aracilles was drinking liquor with Salvador Bacitas, a co-worker, when they quarreled.

Bacitas escaped.

Sani Pacleno

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**MANILA:** The Manager of an Ermita money shop was pistol-whipped on the head and robbed by men on a motorcycle.

But Carmita Cancio, who holds office at 1226-A.M.H. del Pilar St., refused to be brought to the hospital.

Witnesses told police that Cancio's car was bumped by a jeepney at the corner of Arzueta and A Mabini streets at about 10 am. When Cancio's driver got out, two men on a motorcycle with plate No. JB-4588 tried to grab Cancio's bag.

Cancio resisted, so one of the men pistol-whipped her on the head. Minutes after, the motorcycle was found at the corner of Vasquez and Remedios streets. Witnesses said the motorcycle had been bumped by another jeepney.

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**MANILA:** Four suspected members of a group selling choice parcels of land using spurious land titles were arrested by Manila policemen before they could swindle a Japanese businessman of P6 million.

Arrested were Felipe Enriquez, alleged president of CVE Enterprises at 960 Josefine St., Sampaloc; Perico Jao, alleged president of Phil. Asia Corp. at Legaspi Towers, Manila; Teresita Guevara of BF Homes, Paranaque and her legal counsel, Raymond Aguilera.

They were arrested after former Manila fiscal Jose Gamboa, on behalf of Phil. Trust Company which owns a 4,677-square metre lot on Roxas Blvd., complained that the syndicate was selling the lot.

Enriquez "sold" the lot to Jao for only P2 million last year although the still unnotarized deed of sale executed by Enriquez stated P8 million as the selling price, said Western Police District general assignment section chief Crescencio Cabasal.

Using the deed of sale of the land, Jao proposed a joint venture with Japanese investor Toshiyuki Miwa, president of Royal Asia Company. Jao was demanding P6 million from Miwa for "paying back taxes."

Aguilera and Guevara presented land title no. TCT 154203 issued to a Sta. Ana property of Lilia Tesoro.

Cabasal said the syndicate was uncovered after Phil. Trust officials read in a newspaper that their property was being advertised for sale.

Rudy Kaholegan

## Juico allowed leave of absence

By Deedee M. Siyango

**PRESIDENT** Aquino announced a sweeping investigation of the aborted Gar-chitoren estate transaction by an independent fact-finding committee led by retired Supreme Court Associate Justice Jose Fria and her acceptance of the offer of Agrarian Reform Secretary Philip Juico to go on leave of absence.

Fria named retired Supreme Court Associate Justice Nestor B. Alampay and Leon Garcia Jr., president of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, as members of the fact-finding committee on the Gar-chitoren estate deal.

President Aquino said the committee is granted all the powers of an investigating body under Sections 71 and 580 of the Revised Administrative Code, including the power to summon witnesses, administer oaths, take testimony or evidence relevant to the investigation, and obtain compulsory powers to produce documents, books, records, and other matters in the performance of its functions.

Based on the results of



President Aquino announces her acceptance of the offer of Agrarian Reform Secretary Philip Juico (left) to go on leave, pending the results of an investigation she has ordered on the Gar-chitoren estate case. At right is Press Secretary Adolfo S. Azuna.

initial investigations, the President said she decided to conduct a "thorough investigation on the matter so that we can assure our people that this will be a very independent investigation, and there will be no whitewash. It is best that all these officials of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) go on leave."

Named DAR officer-in-charge is Undersecretary Benjamin Leong.

Twenty-one other DAR personnel, on the recommendation of Juico, were ordered to go on leave, too.

They include Undersecretaries Jose Medina Jr. and Salvador Pejo, Assistant Director Gloria Fabia, Regional Director Jose Llamas of the Bicol region, provincial agrarian reform officer Wilfredo Dilao, municipal agrarian reform officer Elmer Paris, Bureau Director Silvestre Gabot, OIC provincial agrarian reform officer Vicente Azana, engineer Horeniano Manuel, lawyer Numeriano Amihan, Heracleo Roque, Miranda de Guzman, Maximo Dimapilis, Juvenal Raquini, Rigoberto Castro, Ricardo Tilo, Eligio

Danganan, Concepcion Marinas, Evelyn Maniago, and Milagros Director.

President Aquino said that the administration considers the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Programme (CARP) the "landmark programme" of her administration.

"And that is why I have taken a very personal and strong role in this investigation," she said. "Even before, I had already instructed Secretary Juico to conduct his own investigation. And you also were aware of the fact that the office of the Ombudsman and the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) are also conducting their investigations. In order to assure the people that we have a speedy investigation, I agreed with Secretary Juico to have another committee which will be headed by former Supreme Court Justice Jose Fria so that we can speed up the matter of the Gar-chitoren case."

Aquino said that "we are not sparing any efforts at finding out if there are people culpable of violations, especially of the anti-graft law."

The President said that what is important is that "we

arrive at the truth and since this matter involves not only the government but also the people who will benefit from the CARP, it demands our full attention and that this matter be resolved as quickly as possible."

Based on the recommendations of Juico, all voluntary offers of lands so far approved by the DAR will also undergo close review, she said.

"I am confident that the government will continue to push the CARP with even greater vigour and enthusiasm," Juico said during a press conference with the President at Malacanang.

Juico said that there is still no hard evidence, but "there are reasons to suspect some irregularities might have taken place. Other government agencies involved in the transaction with the DAR will also be questioned."

He said that Congress can tighten the CARP law for safeguards.

"We can always recommend to Congress what the law should contain because the procedures we follow anyway are based on law," Juico said.

## Workers warned

**THE** Commission on Immigration and Deportation warned Middle East bound contract workers against engaging the services of fixers who stamp fake amendments on their passports last week.

The warning came shortly after immigration officers at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) confiscated last week at least 40 passports with fake amendments.

Immigration Commissioner Miriam Defensor-Santiago said fixers stamp fake amendments on passports by changing the workers' status from "service staff" to "employee."

Santiago said contract workers are required by law to apply for passports identifying their occupation as service staff which will be processed later by the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA).

To avoid the POEA processing, which normally takes time, the syndicates stamp the amendments themselves after obtaining the passports from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA).



Santiago

## No more for Cory

**PRESIDENT** Aquino does not intend to run in 1992.

This was conveyed by acting Press Secretary Adolfo Azuna to reporters yesterday following pronouncements by the ruling Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino (LDP) that she would be drafted as the party's standard bearer in the 1992 presidential polls.

"She (Aquino) has repeatedly stated that she is a transition president. She has not intention of running again," Azuna said.

Mrs Aquino, meanwhile, has snubbed plans of the newly-revived Nacionalista party to collect 2.6 million signatures to force her into calling for snap presidential elections.

"This is just a political ploy and I feel that I do not even have to comment on it," the President said.

The chief executive reiterated that the Constitution ratified in 1987 does not allow snap elections.

She said that former president Ferdinand Marcos was empowered to do so (call for snap elections) because his was a parliamentary form of government.

President Aquino congratulated in a telephone call President Richard von Weizsaecker on his re-election as head of West Germany.

Weizsaecker thanked the President and said his government was looking forward to her forthcoming state visit in July.

## Marcos' return plea

Petition stirs questions

**THE** Supreme Court (SC) ordered four Cabinet members and two other government officials to explain in 10 days why former President Ferdinand Marcos is not being allowed to return to the country.

The directive was contained in a resolution issued by the High Court in response to a petition filed in behalf of Marcos and members of his family.

The petition asked the SC to compel the government to issue travel documents to the Marcoses and to allow their return to the country.

It was filed by former Batasang Pambansa speaker Nicanor Ynguez and the Philippine Constitution Association through its president, Conrado F. Estrella.

Invoking national interest, President Aquino has repeatedly announced that the government will not allow the return of Marcos, dead or alive.

The 27-page petition alleged that the government cannot impair the right of the Marcoses to travel and their freedom of movement as provided in the Constitution.

The petition was filed in behalf of Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos, their children Ferdinand Jr., Irene, and Imee, and son-in-laws Tomas Manotoc and Gregorio Aranaeta III.

Named respondents were Executive Secretary Catalino Macaraig Jr., Foreign Affairs Secretary Raul Manglapus, Justice Secretary Sedfrey A. Ordonez, Immigration Commissioner Miriam Defensor Santiago, Defense Secretary Fidel V. Ramos, and Gen. Renato de Villa, Armed Forces chief of staff.

The petition alleged that the case was filed because of an extreme urgency considering that "Marcos is now critically ill and might succumb to death at anytime in Hawaii."

Aside from Marcos' illness, the petition claimed that the former ruler has to return to the country to preside over the burial of his mother and to defend himself and members of his family from the numerous charges filed against them in court.

## Fiesta Filipiniana

**THE** FILIPINO Cultural Club's initial venture, "Fiesta Filipiniana '89" for the forthcoming celebration of the Philippine National Day on June 12, 1989, is now nearing completion. The endless initiative and untiring dedication of the club's members as well as the undying support of the entire cast, has greatly inspired the director of social cultural affairs, Tolitis Matig-A, to move onwards with this cultural presentation.

Eventually, in a matter of two weeks' time, the painstaking efforts of each and everyone will soon bear fruition. So, come watch the magical prowess... the intricate and exotic cultural heritage of the Filipinos that goes back to the Spanish era.

Deadline for the submission of entry forms for the on-the-spot-painting competition and exhibition, one of the main highlights of the show, is on Sunday, June 04, 1989 at the Mabuhay Restaurant till 9:00 in the evening.



## 'Ugnayan' activities will be intensified

**THE** police station in Valenzuela, Metro Manila, will go on and intensify ugnayan activities with newly elected and re-elected barangay officials in 32 barangay and 64 sitions to further improve peace and order in the community.

Capt. Carlos A. Tiquia, station commander and Sgt Tomas Juan, chief of community relations, jointly expressed the hope that today's ugnayan operations would be more successful, if not as successful, with the new setup of barangay chairmen, councilmen and pool leaders.

Sgt Tomas, acting as liaison officer and representative of Capt. Tiquia, recalled that prior to March 28 barangay polls the police-managed ugnayan programme was able to lower crime rates in town by 50 per cent and solved 92 per cent of the cases.

Members of the police staff detailed ugnayan in concurrent capacities held scheduled dialogues with barangay officials, along with delegates of civic groups, parents and teachers on community problems, notably, drugs, gambling, lewd shows, illegal vending and sanitation.

Tong collection and malpractices by some policemen are also tackled. Common victims were tricycle drivers and illegal vendors in market premises.

Sgt Juan schedules the dialogues which sink down to sitio levels. Discussed are strategies in combating crimes. Capt Tiquia always seeks co-operation of the private sectors.

## Military cites gains in Negros

By Feb B. Zamora

**MILITARY** authorities in Negros claimed they have "disarmed" the rebel shadow government in south-western Negros area through "sustained military operations" called Oplan Thunderbolt, as human rights group appealed for a military ceasefire in the island.

Intense fighting continued in other parts of the country, however, resulting in the death of 29 persons, including a seven-year-old girl, military reports said.

Army Brig. Gen Reynaldo Jarque, chief of the 301 Brigade, said Thunderbolt, with two battalions backed by helicopter gunships, had successfully "liberated" three barangays in Sipalay believed to be the "capital" of the communist provisional government in the CHICKS area in southwestern Negros.

Jarque said the CHICKS area, so-called because it is composed of Cauayan, Hinobanan, Ilog, Candoni, Kabangkalan and Sipalay, was declared by the New People's Army as "liberated zone."

Of the 115 barangays there, Jarque said 64 are controlled by the communist provisional government.

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declared Barangays Camandangan, Cabadianan and Manlococ as "land reform areas" last March.

Launched last April, Thunderbolt has also displaced some 26,000 residents who fled their homes for fear of getting caught in the crossfire.

At least 26 refugee children have died in the congested evacuation centres.

A 60-member fact-finding mission sent by the Human Rights Desk of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) to the refugee centres has issued a statement appealing for a halt to the bombings which, the statement said, had caused the exodus.

In related developments:

● Army soldiers backed by helicopter gunships pounded a rebel stronghold in Sitio Kilocag, Magpet, North Cotabato, killing 21 rebels and wounding several others last week. The report said 30 civilians were also taken by the rebels as hostage.

● Three suspected rebels gunned down Capcom Sgt Damaso Ubana, 40, in the San Pedro-Binang, Laguna, the other night. Assigned at the Capcom detachment in Tunasan, Muntinlupa, Ubana was driving his jeepney when shot at by three youthful men.

● Suspected rebels ambushed a passenger jeep in Irosin, Sorsogon, killing Analyst Tan T. and CAPGU members Manuel Fortuna and Celso Gerona. At least 14 others were also wounded.

## From the provinces

**MANILA.** Constabulary Highway Patrol Group (CHPG) chief Brig. Gen. Manuel I. Bruan assailed a Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) official who had said that the CHPG is the source of fake documents covering the release of "chop-chop" vehicles.

He said that the statement was "derogatory and without basis."

Bruan was reacting to reports that the BIR special investigation team has seized a fake BIR payment confirmation receipt from certain Melchor Alipato who reportedly claimed that the spurious document was given to him by his employer, Reynaldo Go.

Alipato told BIR investigators that Go had told him that the fake document was given to him (Go) by CHPG soldiers in Camp Crame.

Bruan directed Col Alfonso Mora, CHPG deputy commander for operations, to ask Go to identify the person who gave him the fake BIR payment confirmation receipt. He said he will also extend official invitation to the BIR to send its representatives at a confrontation that will be held anytime Go is available. (Roy Sinfueto)

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**MANILA:** To implement the policy of transparency in government and help eradicate graft and corruption, Rep. Rodrigo B. Gutang (LDP, N. Cotabato) has filed House Bill No. 23366 which seeks to require all local government units to post in their bulletin boards a detailed and sworn statement of receipts of monies, properties, expenditures and financial status of their respective towns, cities or provinces.

In filing the bill, Gutang said "the citizens should not be made to guess only at what is being done by public functionaries and to base his views and conclusions on mere rumours, half truths, conjectures and even canards."

Gutang bewailed that while the right of the people to information of public concern is new affirmed in Article III, Section 7 of the 1987 Constitution, access to official records, and to documents and pertaining to official acts, transactions or decisions is still cumbersome and expensive. (Leonardo Q. Belen)

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**MANILA:** The Department of Justice filed before the Pasay City regional trial court yesterday criminal charges against four suspected drug pushers who were arrested early this month with more than 1,900 grammes of "shabu" in a buy-bust operation.

State prosecutor Caridad M. Junio identified the suspected drug pushers as Pacifico Rizal, Julian Pimentel, Jimmy Castro and Walfredo Gatmaitan.

Junio said the suspects were arrested inside a hotel last April 11, while selling 1,900 grammes of shabu to a Pakistani national who posed as a buyer.

No bail was recommended by the DOJ in the criminal sheet it filed with the court.

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**MANILA:** An Army soldier and four others were arrested by police operatives barely 17 hours after they allegedly robbed a balikbayan and his companion of some P500,000 in cash and checks in Makati.

Three companions of the suspects, one of them a Constabulary soldier, are being hunted by the police.

Sgt Danny Javier identified those arrested as Army Cpl Edgar Maningo, Carlo Tabili, 26, Abiar Batacol, 40, Othello Rivera, 32, all of Pasay City; and Jimmy Lotelo of Quezon City.

Maningo reportedly admitted that he was the "brain" in robbing a balikbayan and his companion of some P500,000 in cash and checks in Makati.

The victims were preparing for a trip to Baguio when the robbers armed with handguns barged into their house at 3 am Monday. (Aris Ilagan)

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**CALAUAG, Quezon:** Twenty New People's Army (NPA) rebels were killed while an Army soldier and a civilian were wounded during a clash between them and the government troops in barangay Mapulot, Tagkawayan, Quezon and in barangay, Megating, San Narciso, Quezon last Monday. (Jen Jorjina)

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Hit squad of New People's Army on the prowl

# Police alert: reprisal attacks by ABB

POLICE and military agents said they expect the Alex Boncayao Brigade (ABB), the liquidation squad of the New People's Army (NPA) in Metro Manila, to intensify its street attacks on police and military personnel in retaliation for the violent breakup of a funeral march for a slain ABB hit man the other day.

Targets of the expected ABB attacks are members of the Eastern Police District (EPD) and the Rizal Constabulary command following the dispersal by elements of these organizations of the funeral procession for Teofilo de la Cruz, alias Ka Hermie, who had been killed in an encounter with Rizal PC soldiers.

Four of the 60 mourners arrested were confirmed yesterday by military agents as regular ABB hit men. A media man identified as Romeo Guasis was reportedly missing after he was dragged by plainclothes men into a parked car near the site of the dispersal operation.

The combined PC police force, some of them armed with Armaletes and short guns, broke up the funeral march along P. Cruz St. some 300 metres away from the Mandaluyong municipal hall while on its way to the Mandaluyong cemetery.

The police and the military arrested 60 mourners, confiscating their red streamers and flags.

## Charges

The Eastern Police District (EPD) filed yesterday charges of sedition against 48 suspected New People's Army (NPA) sympathizers who were arrested during a funeral march in Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, last Thursday.

Brig. Gen. Manuel Roxas, EPD superintendent, filed the charges as ordered by Brig. Gen. Alexander Aguirre, Constabulary-Capital Region Command (Capcom) and Metropolitan Police Force (MPF) director, who also commended the policemen and Capcom operatives responsible for the arrests.

Roxas said that the charges were filed with the fiscal's office in Mandaluyong. "They were chanting revolutionary songs, wore red masks, and waved red banners and placards symbolizing their membership in the NPA," he pointed out.

About 48 of some 200 persons were nabbed as the funeral cortege of slain Alex Boncayao Brigade (ABB) hit man Teofilo de la Cruz reached the corner of P. Cruz St. and Boni Ave.

Had they not resorted to these acts, Roxas said, they would not have been arrested. "We are just maintaining peace and order," he added.

Roxas said that the dispersal operation followed receipt of intelligence information that members of the Alex Boncayao Brigade (ABB) would join the march.

Roxas denied charges of police brutality committed on 10 newsmen who were reportedly harassed while covering the event. He said that they are looking into a report that those who harassed the members of the media were not police or military personnel.

"Most of my men have known these reporters for quite a time. So how could they just slap, kick, or maul them?" Roxas asked.

The arrested suspects were brought to the Mandaluyong police station for interrogation.

## Abuses

The head of the local chapter of the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) in Southern Tagalog said yesterday that the region is one of the top areas in the country where human rights abuses and violations are prevalent.

Lawyer Apolinario Florentino, Region IV CHR director, said documented cases of human rights violations appeared to have been committed by both the military and the New People's Army (NPA).

He said the CHR is now investigating the death of 17 persons whose bodies were found

in a mass grave in Mauban town in Quezon the other day.

He added that while the military in the region continues to search for more "secret graves," the CHR "will try to find out whether the victims were really victims of the NPA or plain civilians."

Brig. Gen. Evaristo Carino, Quezon PC-INP commander, has filed 17 cases of murder, torture, and illegal detention against the NPA in Southern Luzon after the bodies of alleged NPA victims were retrieved.

## More troops

Military authorities said yesterday that more troops will be deployed in the Bicol region to counter offensives being launched by the New People's Army (NPA) there.

This developed as the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) declared that the situation in Negros Occidental has remained critical and hundreds of troops will stay there "until everything is back to normal."

Gen. Renato S. de Villa, AFP chief of staff, said while soldiers have overrun major NPA camps in the province since April 28, many NPA units still exist there, making search-and-destroy operations necessary.

However, he said the AFP does not intend to use heavy arms against the rebels.

Col. Mariano Filart, Bicol PC-INP commander, said intelligence reports have confirmed the massing of communist rebels in Sorogon and sending of additional troops is a part of a large-scale offensive being prepared by the military.

Lt. Col. Rene Bautista, Sorogon PC chief, reported to Maj. Gen. Ramon Montano, PC-INP chief, that communist guerrillas from Camarines Sur and Norte, Quezon, and Pampanga were reported grouping in several parts of the province.

He said the massing of rebels was an answer to the call of the GCP Central Committee to stage intensified offensives in the countryside.



## Ranks of nurses dwindling

THE ranks of nurses and midwives are fast dwindling because more and more are thinking of leaving their professions, the World Health Organisation (WHO) says.

In the recently concluded assembly in Geneva, WHO expressed fears that the world may face a shortage of nurses and midwives if they continued to shift to other jobs at an "alarming rate."

WHO said nurses and midwives are having second thoughts about their professions because of "critical conditions" in their work.

The report said poor working and living conditions are the main complaints of nurses.

In the Philippines, medical and health experts have also expressed concern over the increasing lack of qualified nurses due to the pull of overseas employment.

Although overseas employment has provided many nurses with more income and growth opportunities in their careers, some, especially those in the United States, face the risk of AIDS infection in going about their jobs.

## Message of thanks

KAPILKU President Manny Insento, his family and relatives convey their heartfelt and sincere gratitude to all those who offered masses and prayers, sent flowers and notes of sympathy, visited and kept vigil, attended the mass and funeral rites and conducted with them in the hour of their supreme loss caused by the passing away of his dearly beloved mother Mrs. Rosalia Ilcan Vda. de Insento on May 3, 1989.

## Condolence

The staff of the Arab Times express their heartfelt condolence to Manny Insento, president Kapilku in his recent bereavement.

# Dizon: 'so sorry'

By Nelson F. Flores

NATIONAL Housing Authority General Manager Raymundo Dizon Jr. apologized for irregularities in the purchase of some P3.4-million worth of NHA equipment and vehicles and pledged to undertake corrective measures.

Dizon told newsmen he was assuming responsibility for the "mistakes" and said he will comply with the recommendations of the Commission on Audit (COA) to correct the irregularities.

A team from the COA had found eight violations in the NHA purchase of a Nissan Maxima, two Mitsubishi Pajeros, five Nissan pickups and a "mami-mami" massage chair for Dizon's use.

As initial compliance, Dizon issued the government a personal cheque of P98,500 — the amount in excess of the limit set by the Office of the President for the purchase of Dizon's official car, a Nissan Maxima.

Dizon was found to have skirted rules to buy the Maxima, including the use of two separate vouchers to cover up the high cost of his car.

Dizon was also found to have approved the purchase of four vehicles — three Nissan pickups and a Mitsubishi Pajero — allegedly for use under a housing project but which never benefited the project.

NHA employees, who had demanded the ouster of Dizon upon learning of the COA report, however, said they will still continue to press for their demand, adding that an apology from Dizon does not suffice.

Members of the 1,800-strong Samahang Manggagawa ng National Housing Authority said they intend to file charges against Dizon and Antonio Fernando, NHA assistant general manager, if no action is taken by the Tanodbayan shortly.

Among the corrective measures recommended by



Dizon

the COA were the following:  
● Presidential approval of NHA acquisition of vehicles.  
● Strict adherence to limits to purchases set by the Office of the President.  
● Refund by contractors of excess cost paid by the NHA for its two Pajeros and five Nissan pickups.  
● Return of two Pajeros to the contractors based on a "buy-back agreement" and full refund of the amount paid.

# Bid to oust house speaker fails

Sanctions against 'treacherous and disloyal few'

SPEAKER Ramon V. Mitra Jr. said yesterday that the failure of some members of the House of Representatives to oust him demonstrates the overwhelming superiority of the "true and loyal" members of the Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino (LDP).

Flexing their "power in numbers," leaders of the LDP led by Rep. Hernando Perez of Batangas, chairman of the House ways and means committee, demanded the imposition of the "severe sanctions," including ouster from the party, of the "treacherous and disloyal few" who were behind the move to oust Mitra.

But the party "hawks" were opposed by a larger segment of "doves" led by Assistant Majority Floor Leader Oscar M. Orbes (LDP, Pangasinan) and Raul Roco (LDP, Camarines Sur), who pressed for frequent and candid grip sessions to iron out conflicts within the party.

Considering that there are 170 LDP members in the House, Perez said the dominant administration party can stand a reduction of its ranks with a purge of those who are confirmed to be disloyal and chronic troublemakers.

Mitra said this and other issues will have to be decided in a party caucus next week.

"The so-called revolt merely serves to strengthen the party in its determination to push vital legislation during the ensuing three weeks before we adjourn June 9," the speaker said.

As this developed, LDP leaders prevailed on Majority Floor Leader Francisco Sumulong (LDP, Rizal) to withdraw his offer to resign as chairman of the House committee on rules.

Sumulong, maternal uncle of President Aquino, around whom the rebellious lawmakers rallied in their move to replace Mitra, offered to resign as chairman of the House rules committee, which determines the day-to-day plenary agenda of the House.

He had earlier said the offer of the speaker's move was made by the anti-Mitra members "and you just can't turn them away."

"Those who refuse to toe the party line should not remain in the LDP," said Mitra who is the LDP president. "We have to impose party discipline."

Those who stand to lose their positions in the event of a party revamp, apart from Sumulong, are Reps. Natalio Beltran Jr. (LDP, Romblon), member of the Commission on Appointments and vice-chairman of the committee on public works and highways; Pablo Ocampo (LDP, Manila), vice-chairman of the rules committee; Carmelo Loscosin (LDP, Leyte) of the Commission on Appointments; Bienvenido Marquez (LDP, Quezon), chairman of the committee on reorganization; and Rufino Javier (LDP, Pasig), vice-chairman of the committee on transportation and communication.

Rep. Edelmoro Amante (LDP, Agusan del Sur), a close associate of Sumulong, and

reportedly supporting the anti-Mitra forces, likewise may be deposed as chairman of works and highways.

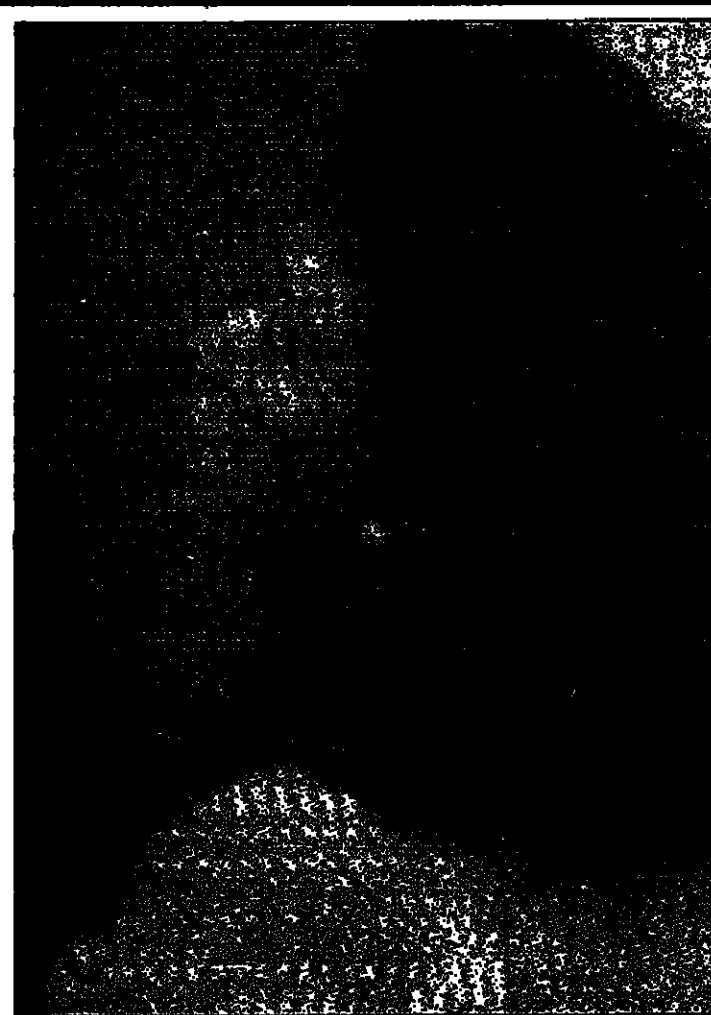
Rep. Jose de Venecia Jr. (LDP, Pangasinan), acting chairman of the House foreign affairs committee, disowned the plot, saying he was presiding over a bicameral caucus to refine bills on the foreign debt, the American military bases, and economic recovery, when the caucus of 15 congressmen to oust Mitra was held in the Mutya Room of the Sulo Hotel in Quezon City Wednesday night.

But he said the lesson from the move is for Mitra to mend his ways, exercise stronger leadership, and recognize the gripes of an increasing number of congressmen who feel alienated by a cordon sanitaire and neglect of the needs of their constituents.

Rep. Raul Daza (LP, Samar), leader of the 18-man Liberal Party (LP) bloc, said Mitra, as an extraordinary lawmaker, should submit himself to the judgement of his peers who elected him to the top post of the House.

"When the speaker is challenged by a peer, he should justify why he should stay on the basis of performance," Daza said. "Herein lies the dynamism of Congress as the true assembly of the people's representatives."

He defended the participation of two LP members in the meeting at the Sulo Hotel as "a perfectly legitimate activity inherent in the dynamic pursuance of their job to bring problems in the chamber out in the open."



Teacher stares in space on her arrival from Japan

# Found hysterical

Japan-returned teacher goes crazy

A YOUNG, university teacher who went to Japan two weeks ago to seek greener pasture came back yesterday, acting as if she gone crazy. Teresa Reyes, 25, was screaming and crying when found by Ninoy Aquino International Airport authorities after she arrived at about 2 pm.

Joy Villegas, whom Reyes mistook for her sister while they were in a Philippine Airlines plane, told People's Journal that Reyes was also a problem to the plane's crew.

Reyes practically went wild — shouting, screaming and throwing things she got hold of in the plane, Villegas said.

Immigration intelligence officer Rudy David said Reyes left the country on May 5 for Narita, Japan.

Her passport showed that she left the country twice for the same destination.

At the airport she kept on saying: Ayoko na sa Narita, gusto kong umuwi sa Maynila. Hindi ko kayo kilala, lubayan n'yo ako."

"Hanan n'yo ang ate ko, si Violeta at si Letty. Si Letty at si Violeta iisa," she said and then she laughed at the same time.

Villegas quoted Reyes as saying, Kinulam ako ng asawa ng lalaking nagkagusto sa akin sa Legazpi."

Reyes was rushed to the airport clinic where she was given tranquilizer.

A friend of Reyes who came to the airport said Teresa, like her sister Violeta, was a teacher at Adamson University.

# Log ban: July 1

THE log export ban will definitely take effect on July 1, Department of Environment and Natural Resources Sec. Felgencio Factoran Jr. announced last week.

Factoran issued the announcement after the Philippine Wood Products Association (PWPA) appealed for a postponement of the ban due to problems confronting the lumber industry, like rotting equipment and the displacement of workers.

Factoran said that if the industry's workers could no longer cut trees, they can plant trees for a living.

A budget has been allocated for that, he said.

Factoran added that there is a plan to transfer logging permits from big concessionaires to poor upland dwellers.

# DOLE employs workers

THE Department of Labour and Employment (DOLE) said more workers were employed in the first quarter of this year compared to last year's record for the same period.

Through DOLE's local employment machinery, some 13,818 workers were hired from January to March. Last year only 12,527 job-seekers were employed.

Job placement through apprenticeship and learner-ship programme posted an increase of 1,200 new workers from 2,101 to 3,301 in the first quarter of the year, DOLE said.

DOLE also pointed out that the overseas employment rate decreased as the Philippine Overseas and Employment Administration (POEA) were only able to send 114,543 workers abroad as compared to last year's record of 126,297 workers from January to March.

# More fees hiked

ELEVEN more private schools in Metro Manila are raising their tuition rates for school year 1989-1990, the Department of Education, Culture, and Sports (DECS) reported.

Dr. Hernando Dizon, director of the DECS National Capital Region, said that 24 private schools — elementary, secondary, and college — had earlier confirmed that they are raising their rates, effective June.

Education Secretary Lourdes Quisumbing reminded all schools to comply with DECS guidelines in conformity to the subsidy bill.

"I expect no formal complaints from students; and parents with regards to unjustified increases" she said.

In case there are such complaints, she said investigative records of sound reference must be presented, substantiated with documented signatures of supposed petitioners.

She said the transitional guidelines on tuition fee increases may be changed or amended as soon as Congress approves the subsidy bill, No. 1105, before its recess on June 9.

Under the subsidy programme, there are three schemes for assistance to high school students.

The first is the tuition supplement scheme, under which the government pays for anticipated increases in tuition fees. In effect, parents will pay only what they paid last year.

All high school students, except those in the top 14 per cent high income schools, will benefit from this programme — 1.3 million students out of the country's 1.5 million private high school students, aside from 2 million public high school students already benefiting from free secondary education under Republic Act 6655.

The proposed assistance under this first scheme is P150 per student in middle-income schools and P175 in low-income schools.

The second scheme is the expansion of the educational service contracting programme, under which the overflow of students from the public high school system is absorbed by private schools, with the government paying the bill.

According to Sen Edgardo J. Angara, chairman of the Senate committee on education, the programme expects to accommodate at least 40,000 more students this year, to bring the total number of beneficiaries well over 100,000 students.

The third form of assistance is the textbook development fund that will help students and schools acquire needed books.

There are also three types of assistance to college and vocational-technical schools — creation and expansion of scholarships, loans, and financial assistance to students; tuition supplements to students already enrolled in priority courses; and a faculty development fund to improve quality of the quality of teaching.

# AIDS in Thailand

Travellers warned

FILIPINO travelers to Thailand should take precautions against acquiring the dreaded AIDS virus in that country.

A senior Department of Foreign Affairs official who spoke on condition of anonymity disclosed that there are now 7,000 people in Thailand believed to be carriers of the AIDS virus.

Citing a report from the Philippine embassy in Thailand, the official claimed the virus is expected to spread.

Thirty per cent of all prisoners in that country, he said are among those who face the risk of contracting the virus.

The official said he does not want to destroy tourism in Thailand but pointed out it is his moral obligation that Filipino travellers are protected.

Most of those found positive with the virus are people who visited or worked in tourist areas Chiangmai, Hadjai and Pattaya resort in Thailand.

But more carriers are in Bangkok, known to have the largest concentration of prostitutes, claimed the official.

The report also indicated that the adviser of Thailand's Prime Minister for Social and Political Affairs had warned that the number of AIDS-infected persons would rise to over 2.16 million by 1996 if measures are not taken against it, added the official.

# Race-track prostitutes

PROSTITUTES posing as fixers and bettors ply their trade at the San Lazaro and Sta Ana racetracks, insiders revealed to People's Journal.

The prostitutes are aged from 15-30, the sources said, and are divided into neophytes and oldtimers.

The neophytes offer to collect winning tickets for bettors who do not want to fall in line at the collection booths, the sources said.

They ask for one per cent of the winnings, the sources said, then seduce the bettor for a price depending on his fate.

"Dito sa racing club, disente ang dating namin," the sources quoted the neophytes as saying. "At alam mo kaagad na may dating ang iyong magiging parokiyano"

dahil sa nanalo ito sa karera."

The oldtimers are represented by pimps, and stand up from the gallery only when the bettor agrees to the price, the sources said. They are usually beer-house workers or hookers from nearby places.

A few of the prostitutes are college graduates or students who do not have a source of income, the sources said. "May itura talaga ang iba sa kanila."

People's Journal tried to contact Sta. Ana racetrack manager Boy Reyes but missed him. An employee who identified himself as Boying Garidan said if indeed there is a flesh trade in the racetrack, only outsiders are involved.

# Sleeping kits for homeless children

MURRAY DRYDEN, founder of the Sleeping Children Around the World (SCAW), arrived in Manila last night to oversee the distribution of sleeping kits to 2,500 indigent children in various areas in the country.

Dr. Juan F. Torres Jr., chairman of the executive committee administering the distribution of SCAM beds in the Philippines, the beneficiaries will be poor children residing in Antipolo, Cubao, Angeles, Tarlac, Quezon City, San Juan, and Polangui.

The SCAM, a Canadian charitable organization founded in 1970 by Dryden and his wife, Margaret, has been distributing sleeping kits in the Philippine through the Luzon District of Kiwanis International since 1983.

Run by volunteer workers, the programme is administered through various overseas civic and religious organizations.

The sleeping kits, all procured in the Philippines, consist of a collapsible bed, pillow and pillow case, mat, blanket, mosquito net, pajama, bath and face towels, T-shirt, raincoat, slipper, toothbrush, plastic bag, and duffy tote bag.

Dr. Torres said, "founder Dryden, having known many nights without a bed or food during the Depression, feels that a few hours of comfort, for a suffering child who has never known a bed, can take his or her mind off hunger and sickness .... and that this is a basic right of every child." (Romy V. Mapile)

# NPA victims: seventeen more bodies dug up

By Roy C. Sinfuero

PIAPL, Mauban, Quezon: Seventeen more bodies of missing persons who were reportedly killed by the rebel New People's Army (NPA) were dug up by Constabulary and Army troops in two sitios in this mountain barangay last week.

The bodies, three of them those of women, were recovered in four graves in sitios Cabanabanaan and Cagsay located in the Sierra Madre mountain range some 1,000 feet above sea level facing the Pacific Ocean.

Military authorities said the victims

were believed executed by NPA rebels on suspicion that they were government agents who had infiltrated the rebel ranks.

Surrendered NPA guerrillas Severino Ronoda and Eduardo Borromeo led the troops. Commission on Human Rights representatives, and mediamen from Manila to the sites of the mass graves yesterday.

Ronoda and Borromeo escaped after they were held by the NPA for investigation and trial as government "deep penetration agents."

The two rebel surrenders told newsmen that 80 to 100 bodies are still to be

found in the area, all victims of execution by the rebels.

In one grave at sitio Cabanabanaan where the three female bodies were found, the head of one of the victims had been hit by a rock which was still imbedded on the victim's skull.

Brig. Gen. Evaristo Carino, PC-INP Regional Command 4 chief, said that the skeletal remains will be thoroughly examined by experts to identify them so that their families can claim them for burial.

Col. Reynaldo Wycoo, Quezon PC-INP commander, said a thorough check will be made to determine if the three

female remains are those of three missing activists identified as Pearl Abaya, Lani Mercado, and an other whose identity is being verified.

Borromeo said that before his surrender to military authorities, he was able to confirm that 30 prisoners were transferred from Manila to Quezon for investigation.

He said during detention and trial, he talked with another detainee, Ka Jobel, who identified himself as a nephew of Brig. Gen. Alfredo Lim, superintendent of the Western Police District. Borromeo said Ka Jobel was detained together with Zacarias Cataag alias Ka Marvin, Ka

Sandra, and Ka Jenny who were all later killed.

Ronoda said on Nov. 1, 1988, he was scheduled for execution with seven others but this was delayed because they failed to dig their own graves due to a very strong typhoon that hit Quezon.

He said that when his execution was rescheduled, his captors received a radio message from National Democratic Front leader Satur Ocampo saying all NPA units must stop all trials and executions of suspected agents until the Communist Party leadership has reviewed the cases.

# Stiffer penalties alarm DFA

THE Department of Foreign Affairs is alarmed over the impending implementation of the updated Singaporean Immigration Act providing stiffer penalties for illegal workers.

The DFA has asked the Department of National Defence to send a military airplane to Singapore to help bring back workers who do not have funds for return air tickets.

Assistant Secretary for International Labour Affairs Israel Bocobo was asked by the Singaporean Ministry of Home Affairs to take responsibility for gathering all illegal and overstaying workers and repatriating them immediately before the Singaporean Immigration Department begins rounding them up and applying penalties under the amended Immigration Act.



## EVENTS



## Eid reunion

Mili (left), a small Bangladeshi girl, captured the heart of the spectators with her dance at a Eid reunion arranged by the Bangladesh Diploma Engineers Society in Kuwait. The reunion was held on Friday night at the Messiah Beach Hotel. (Photo by Javed Basra)



Dr Riaz A. Mehesar, member of Pakistan People's Party's (Kuwait) ad hoc committee, led other members (Rafiq A. Mirza, Akhtar Ali Peerzada, Punnu Khan) and other party workers to the residence of Fazil Mohammed, who lost a leg in a car accident in Kuwait recently. Dr Riaz presented cash to Fazil Mohammed (pictured above), which was donated by party workers and assured him all help.

## Red and Black costumes and fun

THE Weekend Club will hold the Red and Black Nite on July 11 at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel.

All guests will be expected to come in red or black dresses to create the ambience of a Goa carnival held every year. It will be nostalgic trip down memory lane, according to a press release. During the carnival in Goa, revellers from all over Goa assemble in Goa to make merry and join the carnival.

The organisers promise to hold an evening of fun, music and revelry with pulsating music by Top Ranks, Stepping Stones and the Perfect Strangers. The highlights of the evening include selection of the Red and Black Couple and the best costume in those colours.



Weekend Club members pictured with Adeb Shuaiber and Simeen Kadi of KTV. (file photo)

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

**Sadu House**  
SAT - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon, 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

## MUSIC

**Piano concert**  
JUNE 7 at 7.30 pm: Famous Turkish pianist Ms Arin Karamursel will give a performance at the Ballroom 'A' of the Kuwait Sheraton. Tickets are KD5 per person followed by a reception. For reservation contact 3422055 ext 104/107/109.

**Musical evening**  
JUNE 9: Octave presents a grand musical evening comprising hit songs from Hindi, Malayalam and Tamil films, at the Indian Arts Circle auditorium. Funfair at 6.30 pm.

## THEATRE

**Konkani Drama**  
JUNE 15/16 (4.00 pm): Nashibacho Divo Paloulo, the MAR production's Konkani drama, directed by Prem Kumar to be staged at the Indian Arts Circle. For entry passes contact Raja Stores, tel: 2412970.

## FILMS

**British Council**  
JUNE 11/12: Tootsie is this month's feature film at the British Council, Mansouriyah. Dustin Hoffman plays Tootsie. Desperate, he took a female

role and became a star. Comedy at its best.

Also stars Sydney Pollack, who also directs, and Jessica Lange. It will be shown at 6.30 pm on both nights. Duration 112 minutes. Admission free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 253-3204.

## SOCIAL

**Cultural Association**  
JUNE 4: 10 am. The regular coffee morning will be held at the Holiday Inn. All German-speaking ladies, especially newcomers are welcome, and should make an effort to attend for before the summer holidays.

**Milad mahfil**  
JUNE 9: Bangladesh Association will organise a Milad mahfil at 5 pm on Friday at the new Bangladesh embassy premises in Khalidiya. All Bangladeshis are cordially invited. The new address of the embassy: Plot 83, Block 1, Road 14, Building 3 (just opposite to the bus stop near the KTC garage, Shuwaikh).

**Qabazard Dive Club**  
JUNE 11: The organisational meeting for a new Qabazard Dive Club will be held at 7 pm at Qabazard Marine Company, Hamad Al Mubarak St., Salmiya to elect new officers. New members also welcome. For further details Tel: 3746579.

**Bangladeshi get-together**  
BANGLADESHI Engineers and architects in Kuwait will hold a get-together at the Hotel Plaza Ballroom on June 15 from 7.30 pm onwards. For details contact 4317145, 4718157 or 3713923.

**Naarthana**  
JUNE 15, 6.30 pm: Naarthana celebrates the Nehru Centenary year by staging a variety dance show at the Sharq Co-operative Society Hall. Classical and folk dances will be presented by 25 Naarthana dance school students. For entry passes call 433-7608.

**Get-together**  
JUNE 16: The Go-Go Club will be having a get-together at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel from 11 am onwards with Step-

ping Stones and Symphony in attendance. For details contact Raju 2412970 and Tony 2631826 after 3.30 pm.

**Fiesta Filipina**  
JUNE 16: The Filipino Cultural Club will hold "Fiesta Filipina" to commemorate the 91st anniversary of the Philippine Republic on June 12. The show will give a glimpse of the Filipino heritage through songs and music. The show will be held at the Meridian Hotel, Al Jahra Ballroom. Highlights of the evening are an on-the-spot painting competition; lucky draw and exhibition. Show plus dinner buffet costs KD 5 per person. For reservations contact the Philippine Embassy; Mabuhay Restaurant; the Philippine Gift Shop and Rainbow Restaurant (Fahsheel).

**Kuwait French School**  
DR Romain C. Kern, adviser to the president of the Swiss Federation of Private Schools and participant on the Board of Evaluation of the European Private International Schools and Pedagogique adviser of various private schools in Switzerland especially College du Leman, Geneva, will have a meeting with the parents of the students of our Kuwait French School at Salmiya behind the Fire Brigade today, at 6.00 pm, to discuss the various matters which are of interest to our students at an open door meeting. All are cordially invited to attend.

**At the Meridian**  
Hotel Meridian Kuwait features special weekly promotion at La Brasserie restaurant: Asian corner every Saturday, Monday and Wednesday. A wide variety of Asian dishes, in addition to the regular buffet, will be featured. Tempura, fried noodles, etc. are prepared in front of the guests and served on the spot.

**At the Holiday Inn**  
AT the Coffee Shop: A sumptuous buffet for lunch or dinner for only KD4.750 for adults and half price per child. At the Vienna Cafe: Delectable...luscious cakes and pastries, served with coffee, tea and juices with the Gharibian Trio providing music.

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## US trade team to visit Kuwait

A TRADE mission comprised of leading United States firms in the field of engineering and construction services will visit Kuwait from June 10 to 12, on the first stop of a tour that will also include visits to Iraq and Turkey.

The participating companies are major US firms with experience in a wide range of activities including: civil works - highways, bridges, airfields, water conveyance, irrigation and land development; marine works, environmental protection (water and sewer); oil and gas production; electric power generation; physical and electronic security, etc.

The trade team hopes to meet with representatives of the government of Kuwait's planning and development ministries; the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry; local banks and investment companies; and prospective joint venture partners and agents.

For further information about the mission members and/or appointments, please contact Kamal Zaher at the American embassy. Tel: 2424151-9, ext. 266.

## KCC seminar

KUWAIT Computer Company (KCC) held a seminar on May 31, to introduce the Texas Instruments line of Unix-based mini-computers to the Kuwait market.

The seminar was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Kuwait Regency Palace, and was attended by about 200 guests from most ministries, government and mixed sector organisations, banks, insurance companies, and a large number of private companies and establishments representing most industries in Kuwait.

The seminar opened by the KCC chairman and Managing Director, Abdullah Al Taweel, who welcomed the guests and re-iterated the company's policy of ensuring that only the best products and services were offered to its customers.

Mustafa Nasereddin, KCC marketing and sales manager, talked about the company, its formation in 1983, its current activities, and associated suppliers.

## IETE exams

INSTITUTE of Electronics and Telecommunications Engineers, New Delhi, graduation or diploma examinations will be held in the Embassy of India premises from June 14 to 21 at 6.30, 7.30 and 11.30 am. Candidates registered with IETE for above examinations should report to embassy on the above dates.

Family day every Friday: Enjoy a Friday with your family. La Brasserie offers a wide array of oriental favourites along with live music entertainment plus a magician to thrill the little ones and many other games for the children.

**At the Kuwait Plaza**  
TRADITIONAL Arabic music: The famous oud player, Fawzi Jamal entertains Plaza guests at the Noura Terrace with traditional Arabic music. He also sings the most known and celebrated songs of the good old days.

International music: Italian, Eastern and American music played at Marcopolo restaurant. The new duo 'Stan n Alice' are renowned for their versatility. Their music includes Russian jazz, pop, light rock. For reservations contact, 2438800, ext. 760.

**Kuwait International GARDEN POOL:** Kubli Khan Mongolian barbecue every Friday afternoon. Mix and match your lunch while it is prepared according to your palate. Ext. 8006.

**La Patisserie:** Serves Continental breakfast and afternoon tea. Kiwi cake is the cake of the week. Pianist in the evenings. Ext. 8014.

**Hungarian festival:** Upto June 1. Kitchen brigade from Budapest. Live entertainment by Gypsy Band and dancers. Tickets on sale at: 2530000/8039/8040.

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## KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.15 Sabah Al Khair: varieties and news summary
- 9.30 Cartoons
- 10.15 Hikayat Sakhina: Arabic serial (Part 2)
- 11.00 News Summary and varieties
- 11.15 Al Theeb wa Oyoon Al Madina: Arabic serial (Part 2)
- 12.05 Varieties
- 12.15 That's Incredible: foreign programme
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.30 Faloona: cartoon serial
- 2.00 Varieties
- 2.15 Abu Awwad: Arabic serial (Part 2)
- 3.00 Mawsoot Al Sunna Al Nabawiya: religious programme
- 3.30 Bibi Foot; Kalimiro: cartoon serials
- 4.00 Min Fina Al Harami: Arabic feature film, starring Adel Imam, Sharihan, Ahmad Bodair, and Salah Nathani
- 6.00 Stories of Quran (Chorab Qabeel), children serial (Part 1), starring Muhsein Sarhan, Mohammed Al Defrawi, Wafa' Shihab, and Ali Izz.
- 7.00 Space Invasion: foreign film
- 7.30 Fi Khidmat Al Jomhoor; Al Majala Al

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## CINEMA TODAY

**Al Andalus**  
Beetle Juice  
Starring: Michael Keaton, Ila Baldwin, Gina Davis  
**Al Salmiya**  
Al Hasna Wal Wahoush (Arabic drama)  
**Al Hamra**  
Suspect  
Starring: Dennis Quaid, Cher Drive-In  
Haarar Al Habaab (Arabic)  
Starring: Yunus Shalabi, Saeed Saleh, Najwa Fuad  
**Al Firdous**  
Gunahon Ka Faisla (Hindi)  
Starring: Shatrughan Sinha, Dimple Kapadia  
**Fahsheel Open-Air**  
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Al Fahsheel  
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**At the Ramada Hotel**  
EL BENDAR coffee shop at the Ramada Hotel offers continental and Arabic buffets daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 mid night daily, a la carte also available. A selection of home baked cakes, gateaux and tarts made to order.

Marina take away counter offering a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks open from 4 pm till 11 pm daily. Ramada Al Salam lobby lounge open 10 am to 11 pm on Sundays offering a selection of coffee, tea and juice, cakes and pastries available.

Le Mirage nightclub: Thursday night barbecue, full buffet and entertainment.

On Friday, family brunch introducing cartoon characters ship discovery and clown show.

## SPORTS

**Recreation Centre**  
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● All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES



A scene from 'Murder, She Wrote' on KTV 2 at 8.40 pm today.

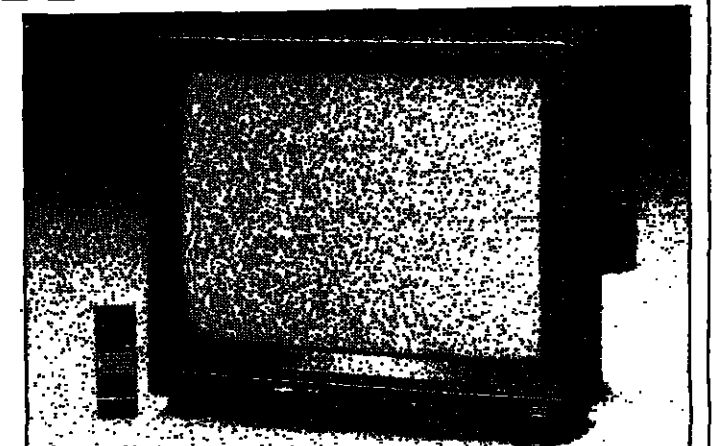
**Ziraiya:** local programme  
8.15 Diwanayat Shuara' Al Nabt: local programme  
9.00 News in Arabic  
10.00 Layali Al Hilmiya: daily Arabic serial (Part 22)  
10.45 Al Moosiqar Wa Anna: late night feature with guest star Mohammed Abdul Wahab, presented by Mofeed Fawzi  
12.00 News summary and closedown

**Salmiya and Rumathiya**  
Al Fida Pharmacy, Jafallah Bldg., Khansa St.  
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Khatana Al Tawfiq Pharmacy, Raja'an Commercial Centre, South St.  
Jahra Al Abraj Pharmacy, Do'able Al Khizal St.

## KTV 2

**SUNDAY**  
6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Dennis the Menace: cartoon serial  
6.30 Bellamy: start of new series  
7.00 In the Wild: tonight's documentary examines pollution's threat to wildlife in Australia.  
7.30 Sea Hunt: "Amigo", Dr Mike and his daughter try to save an ancient cave and its treasures  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 Murder, She Wrote: "A Little Night Work."

9.30 Nature Watch: "City Dwellers". A look at falcons and falconry in California.  
10.00 You Can't Take It With You: "Grandpa's Two Suits". Morgan is not too happy with the destruction of his clothes.  
10.30 Best-Seller: "Nancy Wake". Set in World War II, it tells the story of an Australian journalist who supports the French resistance movement against the German occupation forces.  
12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown



## New dynamic screen

Sanyo introduces a PAL/SECAM/NTSC-4, 43MHz 33 inch monitor look Flat Square Tinted Picture Tube (FST) colour TV, the 3359 series. The 3359 series enables you to view a TV channel of your choice and a video taped programme, or another TV programme simultaneously with the Picture-in-Picture (PIP) inset memory. In addition, it is equipped with a handy Full Level One Feature (FLOF) which provides user-friendly, single-keystroke access to teletext pages to keep you up-to-date. And with a 2-way, 4-speaker system, it delivers a full 15 watts of audio output power per channel for hi-fi stereo sound. Other features include digital stereo system for pure, crystal-clear sound, multi-function remote control, on-screen display and 99-channel frequency synthesizer tuning system with 30-preset memory.

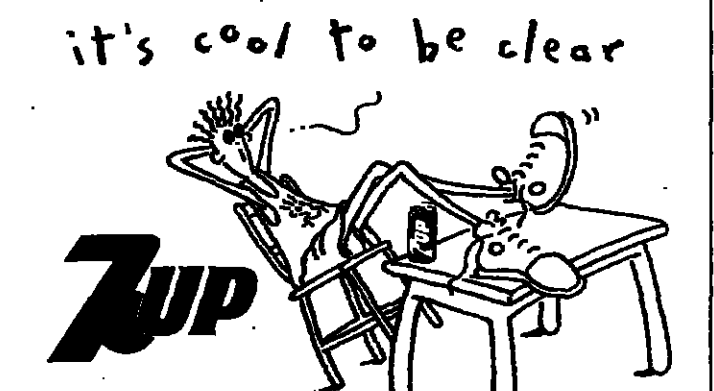
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## Red Label celebrates its success

Al Zahem and Malhotra and Brooke Bond India held a dinner party last Saturday, to celebrate the success of Red Label Khashin at the Tent of Kuwait SAS Hotel, which was attended by scores of people who have been responsible for making Red Label a household name. The party was opened by a speech of Al Zahem and Malhotra's president, Faisal Al Zahem and Mendiratta of Brooke Bond followed him, in which he said that 400 million cups of Red Label tea are consumed every year in Kuwait. He said India is the largest packet tea seller in the world, and it sells approximately ten thousand metric tons per week around the world.











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SUZUKI Swift 1989, red, 3 doors, automatic, 7,000 kms. Owner leaving Kuwait. KD 500 less. Tele. Mr George Kakaria, 5333056, 10 am - 1 pm. 5623896, 6-10 pm. (AT2-47654-3)

HONDA Accord 1984, 2 doors, red, AC, sunroof, automatic, 53,000 kms. One owner, in excellent condition. KD 1,250 cash or installments. Tele. 5653952. (AT2-47684-3)

MERCEDES Benz, 1980, AC, manual gear, white, 92,000 kms sunroof in excellent condition. KD1,885, ony. By installments KD 860, KD 66 per month. Tele. Engr. Saeed, 4733724, 1-4 pm, 8-12 pm only. (AT2-47658-3)

FIAT Argenta, 1982, first registered Nov '83, manual, AC, one lady owner, 47000 kms in excellent condition. KD800. Tele. Mrs Anderson, 5318060/1, ext 21, 7 am - 2 pm. (AT1-47640-3)

MAZDA 929 GLX 1988, maroon, 4 doors, CAC, fully automatic, sunroof. Bought from company. Nov. 88, 12000 kms. One owner, insured upto Oct. 1991. KD 3,500 cash or instalment. Tele. 2401908. (AT2-47683-3)

MITSUBISHI Pajero jeep, 1982, 10,000 kms since complete engine overhaul and new tyres, AC. Owner leaving Kuwait. KD 1000. Tele. Mr Bruce, 5721077 Ext. 24, after 5 pm. (AT2-47647-3)

HYUNDAI Stella Prima 1987, fully automatic white, insured upto 9.8.1990, 13,000 kms, in good condition. Tele. 2531816, 2513243 8am - 1.30 pm; 2563308, 2528285, 2-8 pm. (AT6-47623-3)

SAAB 900 Turbo, 1982, white, sunroof, insured upto May 1990, rebuilt automatic transmission. Owner leaving Kuwait. KD550 cash. Tele. Bob, 2406203, 5-11 pm. (AT1-47641-3)

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REQUIRED for a couple from Hassawi to Shuwaikh near 7-Up to reach at work 7.30 am and back 5 pm. Tele. Mauricio, 4842037, 4846175. (AT1-47610-3)

## SITUATIONS

### Vacant

MAID required for a European household (no children) for 3 months full-time. Would suit married couple. Tele. 5658147. (AT2-47666-3)

### Wanted

HOUSE maid South Indian, seeks part-time job in Salmiya or Jabriya areas. Tele. 5616834, 5313008. (AT2-47662-2)

MAID, Mauritius, with transferable resident permit, speaks English & French, requires a live-in job with a small family. Tele. 2424412, 9 am - 12 noon, 6-9 pm only. (AT6-47643-3)

BILINGUAL typing experienced post-graduate, seeks job, afternoon. Tele. Joseph, 4319678. (AT1-47650-3)

## LOST

PASSPORT No. E-985973 including shuwwon papers, fingerprint report and doctor's report in the name of Shabbir Husain. Finder please inform the Indian embassy. (AT1-47649-3)

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The Greek House women's basketball team.



The Hatid Ligaya women's basketball squad.



Chess players plan moves.

## Magnolia and KPBC score easy wins

Hatid-Ligaya hold on to beat Kay & Associates

By Gil Bangalan

EARLY favourites Magnolia Ice Cream and KPBC scored easy victories in their first assignments against Soft Rock Cafe and Nissan Al Babbain in the Palero '89 basketball games at the Keifan gymnasium on Friday.

Both teams are favoured to reach the finals, as they boast a number of good players, who are evidently experienced and honed for the title.

The Magnolia Ice Cream-makers is made up of a selection from last year's third placer Mabuhay Restaurant team and the best from former Kapilku teams; while KPBC, which was relegated to fourth place last year, retained the services of their mainstays and has been beefed up by the top players of the former AG&P team.

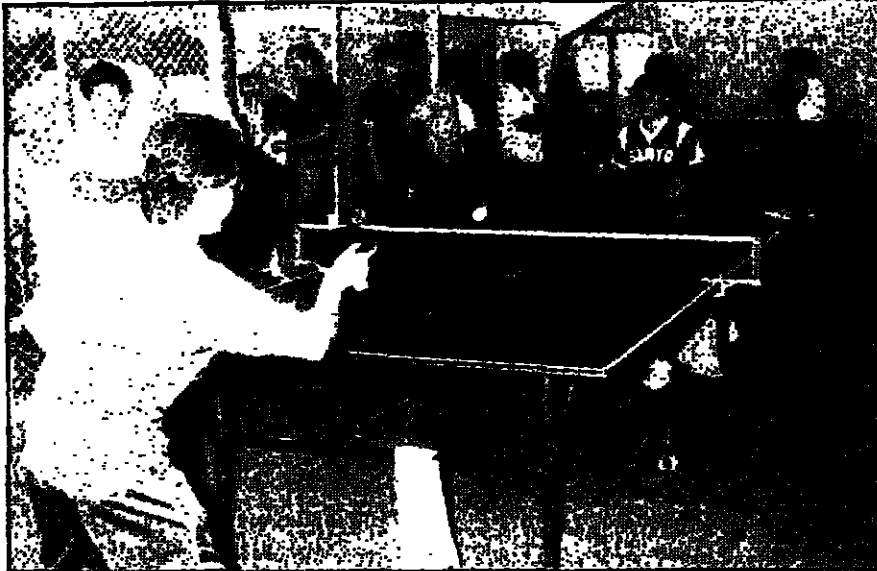
In Friday's game, Magnolia routed Soft Rock Cafe, 118-67. Top scorers for the Ice Cream-makers were Reyes 38, Babiera 19, Zalavaria 15 and Menez 15.

KPBC faced a fighting Nissan Al Babbain, who refused to be intimidated by the taller and much-seasoned KPBC Builders. Nissan's Juan succeeded in penetrating KPBC's defenses as he pumped in 30 big points; but Nissan's foul-ridden quintet collapsed in the final minutes of the second half as the deeper bench of KPBC streaked to victory, 107-76. Top gunners for KPBC were Dela Cruz 28, Lindimas 16 and Manuel 14.

Kuwait Regency Hotel redeemed themselves in the 5-minute extension of their game against the Sony Video 8. Regency's Eclia wasted his chance to seal the victory for his team when he missed a free throw in the last 3 seconds with the score tied at 80. Sallan, similarly, could have been hero-of-the-day for Regency, but he missed his free throw, awarded to him after a foul from Sony's Abajero as the final buzzer sounded. Regency won in the extension over an evidently exhausted Sony quintet, 91-84.

In Group A, Hatid Ligaya-Abughosh beat the final buzzer for a one-point victory over Kay & Associates, 74-73, while in Group C Woodgroup Engineering met tough opposition from the Kuwait Danish Dairy quintet.

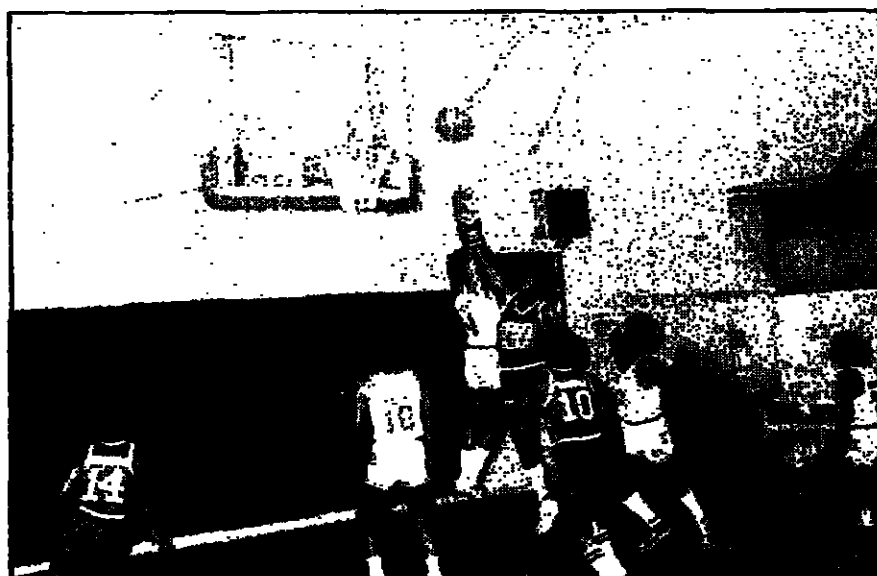
Both teams seemed evenly matched, with Woodgroup posting just a 4-points lead over the KDD after the final buzzer in the



Two table tennis players in action.



Players go for a rebound.



A Woodgroup player attempts to score.



Dela Cruz (No. 2) finds his mark.

first half of the game. At the resumption of the second half, KDD equalised the score, putting the battle in a see-saw situation.

But with only 5 minutes to go KDD's court general Ramirez fouled out enabling Woodgroup to inch up. Woodgroup, however, lost the services of the Tualles brothers a minute later to give KDD a breather.

KDD, which had equalised the score at 74-74, with only 4:02 minutes to go in the ballgame, failed to exploit the opportunity. Woodgroup's Branzuela, Dyongco, and Magallanes rose to the occasion as they hustled and succeeded in foiling KDD's

attempt to wrest a victory. Each of them pumped in successive baskets to give Woodgroup their first win in the tournament. Top scorers for Woodgroup were C. Tualles 38 and Enriquez 15, while on the KDD side were Ochoa and Velasco with 25 and 20 points respectively.

In the ladies division, Hatid Ligaya-Abughosh and Al Rashid Freight crushed their respective opponents. Greek House's Florence Goode's single-handed heroics were not enough to overcome the smooth teamwork of the Hatid Ligaya quintettes.

Goode fouled out with 3 minutes to go in the game, after contributing 21 points. On the Hatid

Ligaya side, Parocha scored 28 points, ably supported by Sabay and Perez who scored 8 and 10 points respectively.

Al Rashid Freight ran over the Durrani Exchange for their first victory, 67-37. Al Rashid's win hinged on the players fine teamwork and the consistency of Parado and Ison on the boards.

Next Friday's games promise another exciting day for the Filipino community in Kuwait when the FCC Shell seek a second victory in volleyball against Hatid Ligaya, while in the ladies basketball Greek House face Durrani Exchange.

Schedule of games: Friday, June 9, 1999

8:00 am: C Kaleco vs ASCO 9:30: A Kwt International Hotel vs. Hatid Ligaya

11:00: B EEI-Kamish Al Aryan vs Nissan Al Babbain

12:30: A Kay & Associates vs Dollarco Exchange

3:00: (Volleyball) FCC Shell vs Hatid Ligaya

4:00: L Greek House vs Durrani Exchange

5:15 D Kwt Hotels Co. vs Los Compadres

(Note: Due to unavoidable circumstances, Kwt Hotels Co. requested an adjustment in their schedule. All teams please take note.)

Results of individual chess matches:

Chess Kaleco beat Chiquita 2-1/2-1-1/2

Abughosh Hatid Ligaya drew a bye.

Group B teams will be combined with Group A to form a single round-robin tournament with the top three places determined by the team standings after July 21.

All the chess teams have been asked by the organisers at 8:30 am on June 9. Defaulting time is 30 minutes. Individual games will start at 11:00 am, soon after the team play.

Results of individual chess matches:

F. Policarpio beat B. Amansec

in 50 moves R. Bosda beat R. Pagadvan in 43 moves

A. Martinez beat R. Pagadvan in 43 moves

T. Monreal beat L. Cahlas in 37 moves

R. Mostreals beat R. Moje in 46 moves

R. Blas beat A. Mututino in 39 moves

J. Betguen beat N. Velasco in 43 moves

N. Dumlaio beat D. Pates in 29 moves

W. Alamala beat M. Montemayor in 49 moves

C. Iral beat P. Espeno in 55 moves

M. Cortado beat A. Dampil in 57 moves

Darts standings Group A

SAS 1 1 0 7

Mabuhay 1 1 0 5

Alghanim 2 1 1 5

RIC 2 1 1 5

FCC 2 0 2 0

Group B

EEI/KAA 2 2 0 10

Kirby 2 1 1 8

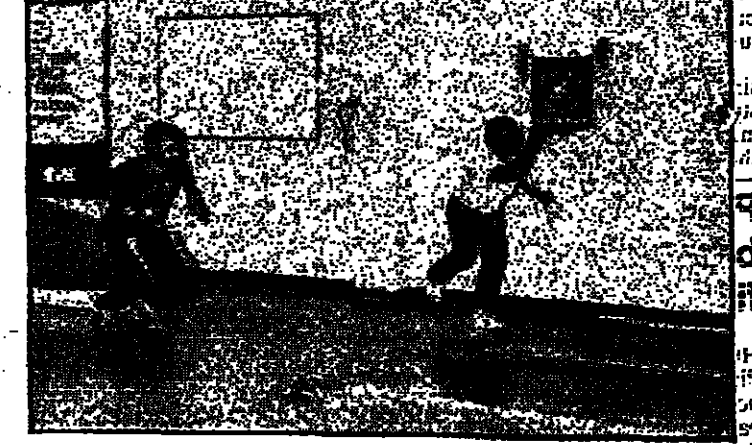
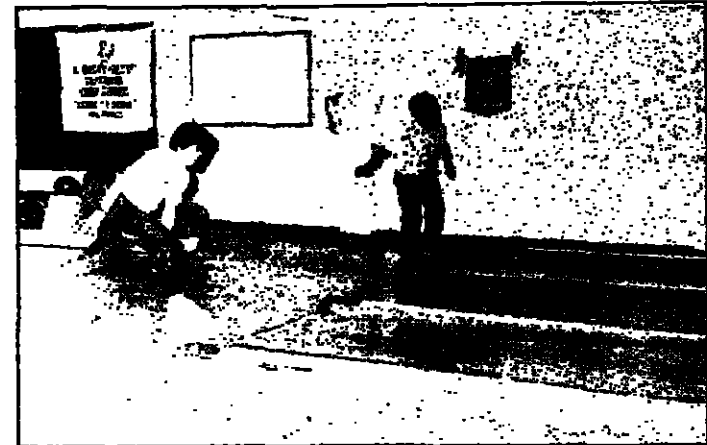
Greek House 2 1 1 7

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High finish — Baluyot (Greek House)

High score — Joe Pancho (Kirby)

High start — Bassig (Kirby)



Some Filipino bowlers seen in action at the Philippine National Day Open Bowling Tournament held at the 300 Club over the weekend. (Details will be published in tomorrow's issue.)

(Photos by Amr Jadeed)

## Abughosh Intl. beat Alghanim Freight for share of bowling lead

By Sonny Mariano

THE leaders in the Palero '89 bowling event maintained their pole position after the third round of competition on Friday but the other teams were all following closely on their heels and an exciting finish is expected in the battle for three finals berth at stake.

In Group A, title-holder Abughosh Intl. moved up in the standings for a share of the lead by nipping Alghanim Freight 3 games to 1. Mar E. led the Shippers once again with 597 while Rudy Z. (553) & Willy S. (548) did the rest to chalk up the victory. The Freight Movers got their best output from Rico P. (568) JVC (529), Arthur R. (526) and

Jimmy T. (506).

Group B action was not far behind in terms of intensity as team standings showed a free-for-all situation for the finals.

Jabriya, proving that their previous win was no fluke, ended the winning streak of Trico. Responsible for Jabriya's good showing were Joel L. (543), Caloy A. (531) and Romy A. (493). Trico, who, in spite of the loss retained the lead has Roger (518), Dodie (507) & Tony (466) as their top scorers.

Group A — men

Chiquita 2, Magnolia 2  
The Banana Magnates banked on their high scoring first game to freeze the strong finish of the Ice

Cream Makers. The two teams settled for 2-2 draw which enable Chiquita to share the lead with Abughosh. Topscoring for Chiquita were Homer M. (552) Flor T. (541) & Lando C. (535). Magnolia was bannered by Vic Paras (565), Jun M. (550) & Mars B. (517).

Najd Airnote 3, Ambassador 1  
The Airmen, finally getting a boost from their top guns, won over the never say die Merchants. It was hard-earned victory for Najd Airnote as Ambassador gave them all they got. George Gaerlan led the Airmen with his record breaking 627 supported by Peping I. (594), Nelson G. (587) & Cris R. (546). The Merchants has Beda B. (542), Ernie L. (535), Joel B. (532) & Burt R.

(530).

Group B — men  
NTC 4, FCC Shell 0  
The Traders kept their hope alive for a finals berth after they blanked the FCC Shell showbiz boys. Leading the Traders to their finest performance so far were Ric (552), Lito (506) & Henry (479). For FCC Shell Danny P. (529), Andy R. (473) & Bien Dantes (439) were the ones who put up a good fight.

Garfield 3, FRM Design Studio 1  
Coming back from a stinging feat last week, Garfield came back to hand the designers their first setback and put them within striking distance of the leaders. Showing the way for Garfield was Jupai with his

522 while Teddy (495) & Rolly ably assisted him. The Designers, with hope for a seat in the finals hampered by the loss, were led by skipper Klin M. (513), Sonny M. (494), & Celso S. (466).

Group A — women  
Al Rashid 4, Far East 0  
Getting a big lift from top player Mercy Laborce, who scored a 3 game series of 578 the Al Rashid door to door experts didn't give much chance to Far East to recover and went on to win 4 games to none which evens up their best of seven duel for Group A supremacy. RC Ruiz (547), Amy A. (470), Lynne R. & Nitz A. also made things possible for Al Rashid. The losing team has Baby M. (492), Cora P. (486),

Malou T., Eva S. and Jo Reyes.

Group B — women  
Kabayan 3, Abughosh 1  
After a shaky start, favoured Kabayan injected enough firepower to their game to subdue the surprisingly strong Abughosh Intl. Dishing out fine performances for the winners were Babes P., Eloisa D.L., Chit A., & Elsa V., Abughosh on the other hand have Vicky Mendoza, who set the record for the high game & high series for Group B leading the Lady Shippers, assisted by Sarah, Florence & Helen.

Alghanim 3, Trico 1  
Showing a lot of improvement in their game, the lady Freight Movers sprang a surprise by outbowling

their more experienced opponents. Doing the scoring chores for Alghanim were Melody N., Emma S., Beth N. & Rose R. Trico relied on the expertise of Charly N., Ledy J., Vangie S. & Pinky B.

Registration for the Philippine National Day Open tournament is still going on at the 300 Club and will last until the final playing day which is on June 8 at 6:00 pm. For the monthly championship for non-seeded bowlers which will commence on June 5 & 7, interested parties can also register now while the much-awaited Second Couples Tournament is scheduled to kick off on June 16 & 22. Further details will be published later.

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## Pistons thrash Bulls to reach NBA finals

CHICAGO, June 3, (AP) — Isiah Thomas scored 17 of his 33 points in the fourth quarter as Detroit's depth and defense again proved much for the Chicago Bulls as the Pistons won the Eastern Conference finals 4-2 with a 103-94 victory last night.

The Pistons, who haven't allowed 100 points in 15 games, including 13 straight in the playoffs, won the final three games of the best-of-7 series. They fell behind 2-1 when Michael Jordan scored 46 points and led a fourth-quarter Bulls comeback in game 3.

Jordan scored 32 in the finale after being held to 23 and 18 in the fourth and fifth games.

But the Bulls had to play all but the first minute without starting forward Scottie Pippen, who was hospitalized after being knocked out when he was hit in the eye by Bill Laimbeer's elbow.

Detroit reached the NBA finals for the second straight season after failing to make it for 30 years. The championship series starts Tuesday night at the Palace at Auburn Hills, Michigan.

The Pistons once again will face the Los Angeles Lakers, who came back from a 3-2 deficit last year to win their fifth championship in the 1980s.

Chicago trailed 79-69 in the first minute of the fourth quarter before rallying with a 10-2 spurt.

Jordan started the run with two baskets in five seconds. After a jumper by Thomas, John Paxson hit a 3-point shot, a free throw and a long jumper, cutting the deficit to 81-79.

Thomas then scored 10 points in a span of four minutes as the Pistons rebuilt their margin to 94-84 with 4:40 remaining.

The Pistons took the lead for good in the third quarter as centres Laimbeer and James Edwards combined for 15 points in the period.

## Ereng wins 800 metres

### Americans run fast 200 metres

ROVO, Utah, June 3, (Reuters) — Olympic champion Paul Ereng of Kenya came from 12 metres off the pace to easily win the men's 800 metres and Americans Dennis Mitchell and Dawn Owens ran the fastest men's and women's 200 metres in the world this year yesterday at the US Collegiate Championships.

Ereng, who attends the University of Virginia, was timed at one minute, 47.50 seconds as he blitzed the final 300 metres to defeat Deidonne Kwizera of Rwanda and the University of Nebraska by three metres.

While Ereng won a tactical race, the sprinters blazed, aided by the rarefied air at the Brigham Young University track, which is 1,381 metres above sea level.

Mitchell, the fourth-place finisher in the Olympic 100 metres, exploded to an early lead and won the men's 200 metres by two metres in 20.09 seconds. The victory avenged a false-start disqualification for the University of Florida student in Thursday's 50-metre qualifying.

Sowell, a 23-year-old student at Louisiana State University,

clocked 22.04 seconds to defeat Nigerian Olympian Mary Onyiah by three metres. Sowell's time was the fastest ever by a collegian and the seventh-fastest by an American. Onyiah, who clocked 22.45 seconds, just missed her African record of 22.43.

The rarefied air also aided the men's long jumpers as American Joe Green won with a wind-aided

8.41 metres (27 feet, 7 1/4 inches) and compatriot Leroy Burrell was second at 8.37 metres (27 feet, 5 1/2 inches).

Only seven Americans have ever jumped farther than Burrell without an aiding wind of more than 2.04 metres per second.

Sowell also paced Louisiana State to the fastest women's 400-metre relay this year, a US

collegiate record of 42.50 seconds.

The US collegiate record also fell in the men's 400-metre relay as Texas Christian University clocked 38.23 seconds, the fastest in the world this year.

The 400-metre hurdles races also were fast. Jamaican Winthrop Graham won the men's event in 48.55 and American Janeane Vickers took the women's race in 55.27 seconds.

In the men's 800 metres, the long-striding Ereng loomed along at or near the end of the nine-member field until about 300 metres remained, to avoid tripping over another runner. Then he blitzed from 12 metres off the race to claim fourth with 200 metres to go.

Fifty metres later the fast-moving Ereng, the world indoor 800 metres record holder, had the lead and he cruised comfortably down the straightaway to victory.

"I felt I was strong enough to hold them off even though I was in last place with 200 metres to go," said Ereng, who is expected to challenge Sebastian Coe's world record of 1:41.73 in races in Europe later this summer.



Ereng won the 800 metres easily

## Turner and King share top place

CHESTER, N.Y. June 3, (Reuters) — Americans Sherri Turner and Betsy King shared the top two places in the 300,000 Rochester International golf tournament yesterday.

Both players posted three-under-par 69s in strong winds on a lengthy 6,162-yard, Locust Hill Country Club course.

Patty Sheehan and Ayako Kamikado of Japan who recorded 73 and 72 respectively are two strokes off the pace.

American Nancy Lopez also shot a 69, but her 73 on Thursday left her at 142, three strokes behind.

"The conditions are very difficult out there," Turner said. "The winds are up and the course is wet."

Turner's first birdie came on a par-four third hole when she hit a five-foot putt. She missed the shot on her fourth hole, which led to a bogey on the par-five sixth hole which resulted in a bogey on the par-five hole. Turner immediately followed by another bogey on the par-five fifth hole by three-putting in 45 feet.

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## Davis hits Reds' first cycle in 30 years

CINCINNATI, June 3, (AP) — Eric Davis became the first Cincinnati Reds player to hit for the cycle in 30 years when he drove in six runs last night in a 9-4 victory over the San Diego Padres.

Not even a sore leg could keep Davis out of the record books with a single, double, triple and homerun. He coaxed all the speed he could out of his injured left hamstring on a seventh-inning triple.

"I didn't know how the hamstring was going to hold up until I got to second," Davis said. "Once I got to second base, I made up my mind."

Davis doubled home Barry Larkin in the first inning, singled him home in the third and hit a

three-run homer off Walt Terrell, 4-6, in the fourth to give the Reds a seven-run cushion.

Davis' seventh-inning triple to centre off reliever Dave Leipert made him the first Cincinnati player to hit for the cycle since Frank Robinson on May 2, 1959, against Los Angeles.

Giants 7, Braves 6. Rick Reuschel won his seventh straight decision to become baseball's first 10-game winner, and Major League leader Kevin Mitchell hit two home runs to lead San Francisco.

Astros 10, Dodgers 0. Mike Scott pitched a four-hitter, and an error by Los Angeles pitcher Fernando Valenzuela gave Houston the only run as the

Astros extended their winning streak to eight games.

Mets 3, Pirates 2. Dave Magadan hit a two-run homer with one out in the bottom of the 11th inning to give New York the victory. Randy Kramer, 1-2, got the win.

Results		
American League		
N Y Yankees	3	Milwaukee 2
Toronto	7	Boston 2
Baltimore	4	Detroit 1
Minnesota	8	Chicago 0
Texas	9	Seattle 5
Kansas City	4	California 0
Cleveland	5	Oakland 3
National League		
N Y Mets	3	Pittsburgh 2
Cincinnati	9	San Diego 4
Montreal	2	Philadelphia 1
San Francisco	7	Atlanta 6
Houston	1	Los Angeles 0
Chicago	5	St Louis 2

### Pooley in second place

## Blake hits seven-under-par round

POTOMAC, Maryland, June 3, (Reuters) — Jay Don Blake fired a seven-under-par 64 yesterday to take the lead after the second round of the \$900,000 Potomac Open golf tournament.

Blake, a non-winner since joining the Tour in 1987, finished the day with a 36-hole score of 10-under-par 132 to lead a one-shot lead over fellow-American Don Pooley in the chase for the \$162,000 first place prize.

Blake had seven birdies and no bogies on his card over the 6,917-yard course and grabbed the lead with a birdie from six feet on the ninth hole (his 18th) after a nine-iron to the 166-yard hole.

"I felt pretty comfortable starting out today," said Blake, who led after three rounds last week in Atlanta. "I played well and I was patient and let things happen today."

His ball striking was so sharp that he made only

one of his seven birdies from more than eight feet, that coming on a twenty-footer on the 17th hole.

Pooley also had a seven birdie, no bogey round and he narrowly missed birdie putts on the last two holes that would have given him a new record.

"I guess the conditions were more difficult this afternoon, but I hit the ball so well it didn't matter," said Pooley. "This is the best I've hit the ball all year."

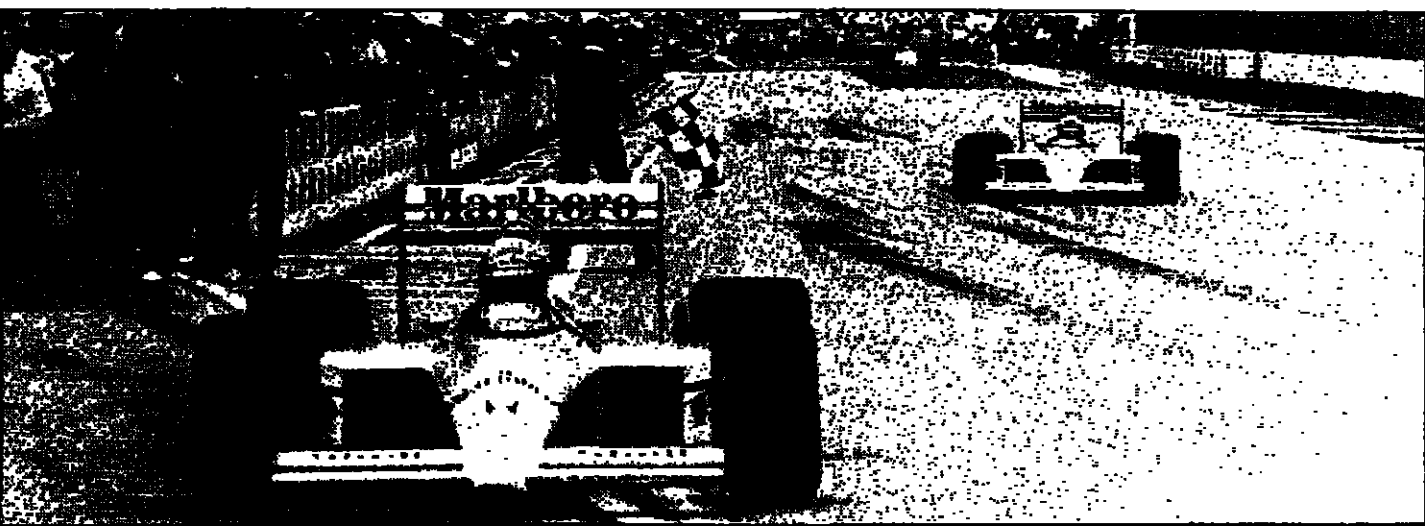
Tom Byrum had a two-under-par 69 yesterday and is three shots back at seven-under-par 135 and alone in third place.

First round leader D.A. Weirbarg of the United States struggled to a one-over-par 72 yesterday and is one of three players at six-under-par 136.

Australian Wayne Grady is the leading player among the foreign contingent with a three-under-par 139 total after a one-under-par 70 yesterday.

## Senna claims provisional pole for US Grand Prix

### Phoenix course draws mixed reviews



Senna (left) and Prost had the best two times in the first practice.

car was badly damaged in the accident on the first half of the long hairpin before the pits straight. But Warwick climbed out and walked back to the Arrows garage.

"I just tried a different line and lost it," he said. "The car was causing no problems and it was my own fault. I'm not hurt except for a very sore neck at the back of my head and shoulders."

Senna is seeking a record 34th pole position in Formula One racing. He shares the current

record of 33 with Briton Jim Clark.

Senna, who leads Prost in the World Championship by seven points after three successive wins, dominated the session after an early fast lap by Brundle.

He gained the top spot with his first lap and progressively reduced his time throughout the session as he made chassis adjustments to suit the circuit being used for a Grand Prix for the first time.

Both Ferrari drivers drove

despite feeling ill. Mansell suffered from a stomach upset and Berger from a similar but more violent illness which had caused him to vomit in his car during the free practice session in the morning.

Senna said: "It was extremely hard work on a very low grip surface. We have some work to do to improve the car, but cooling for the car and the driver will be a key factor in the race."

Prost said: "Lack of grip was my biggest problem. I couldn't

make the qualifying rubber work as well as in the morning. It should be better on Saturday."

"But there is always the chance the track will start breaking up. It is difficult to know what will happen here."

March driver Mauricio Gugelmin of Brazil expects a very fast race tomorrow, but was not excited by the layout of the course.

"It's quicker than any other street circuit I've seen. The only problem seems to be that all the

corners are the same so it's not much fun," Gugelmin said.

After Mexico City's extremely bumpy and dangerous track, Arrows driver Eddie Cheever was quick to forgive the shortcomings of the streets of his home town.

"There are one or two places that they could improve... where there are bumps at intersections. But generally speaking I think the organisers have done a great job with the circuit," Cheever said.

Swede Stefan Johansson, who advanced through pre-qualifying in his Onyx yesterday could not resist a bit of sarcasm when asked his first impression of the Phoenix circuit.

"The circuit does not need any canyons because the manhole covers did that for you," said Johansson, who claims to be, along with Senna, "one of the few who liked Detroit."

Belgian Thierry Boutsen of the Williams team saw a slight improvement over past US Grands Prix.

"The circuit is a new version of the Detroit circuit with a little more safety, a little wider and the asphalt is slightly better."

Boutsen's team-mate, Frenchman Riccardo Patrese, said: "I have no problem with the track."



Esparragoza (left) connects a left to Renard's face. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Tyson may put title at stake against Foreman

NEW YORK, June 3, (AP) — Mike Tyson could end up defending his heavyweight title in China, if he wants to.

But the great wall of distrust between the champion, adviser Don King and estranged manager Bill Cayton could prevent it.

Bill Wheeler, a promoter who has contacts with the Chinese government, said Thursday he has a deal to have Tyson fight George Foreman or another highly ranked heavyweight in Beijing. Cayton confirmed he had reached a preliminary agreement to have Tyson fight Foreman in China, but "the final decision if the fight is to take place is Mike Tyson's."

"I believe the China deal has all the credentials," Cayton said. "I understand the Chinese government will put up a letter of credit. I will recommend it highly to Mike."

The New York Times said the price tag on the fight would be \$25 million, paid by the Chinese government.

Foreman, the heavyweight champion from Feb 16, 1973, to Oct 30, 1974, stopped Bert Cooper in two rounds Thursday night in Phoenix. He is scheduled to fight Tyrrell Biggs in July.

"It would depend on George Foreman winning these ... fights," Cayton said. "If he fails to win, the deal is off."

Cayton said Wheeler's law firm represents firms doing business in China.

"I have received communications from the government of China," he said. "When the deal is finally confirmed by Mike Tyson, we will go ahead."

Cayton cautioned that negotiations for the Foreman fight are far from complete.

"I will recommend the fight," Cayton said. "The terms and conditions are superb. It's a huge payday, similar to what he made against (Michael) Spinks."

Tyson made about \$21 million for knocking out Spinks in one round last June.

Cayton said he had not yet spoken to Tyson or King about the proposed China fight.

Wheeler said King and Tyson have shown interest in the proposal.

Cayton claimed King ruined two other potentially big paydays for the fighter.

## Promoter and companies gamble on ageing boxers

NEW YORK, June 3, (Reuters) — Hustling, fast-talking promoter Bob Arum is spending millions to lure well-to-do mid-American ladies and other untypical fans to watch two ageing boxers fight.

And some big US companies are banking on his ability to attract up-market cable TV viewers to his latest venture, the super-middleweight fight between World Boxing Council title-holder Sugar Ray Leonard and challenger Thomas Hearns.

Arum's main targets for the June 12 fight in Las Vegas are 10 million US homes which can watch the fight on pay-as-you-view cable for \$30 to 40 each. He says he expects about 12 to 16 per cent to pay.

"As we enter an era of pay-per-view, we are appealing to a different audience," Arum told Reuters. "I had to come up with a theme that transcends a boxing match."

"I'm looking to appeal to the elegant lady from Dubuque (in Iowa). I want her to get interested in the event," he said of his effort to woo the small-town American consumer.

"The promotion doesn't emphasise the skills of the fighters. Fans recognise that Ray and Tommy are past their prime. So what?"

As a result Arum has organised a varied publicity campaign. It opened with a \$50,000 press conference in New York to promote the fight he has dubbed "The War." Broadway dancers staged a mock battle while real war footage flashed over their heads.

The Las Vegas promoter, a Harvard-trained lawyer, then spent at least four times the amount of the New York press conference to take the fighters on a 14-city media blitz.

Leonard and Hearns put aside their genuine dislike of each other for the promotion as they visited hospitals and schools to sell their fight.

Actor Don Johnson from television series "Miami Vice" joined them at a Miami high school where they tied the bout to an anti-drug theme.

Arum, 57, thinks enough of his promotional skills to guarantee Leonard \$13 million to put up his title and Hearns \$11 million.

Fans remember the great fight in 1981 when the two last met in the ring and Leonard stopped Hearns in the 14th round. That was eight years ago, an eternity in boxing, but today's lack of ring talent makes it possible to sell the bout.

Just about everything related to the fight is for sale, and Arum has enlisted film stars, school children, war veterans in hospital and such companies as Coca Cola, Budweiser Beer and Wendy's fast foods to help sell it.

Arum said if the promotion succeeded, the fight could gross about \$85 million and net some 42 million.

"Right now we have 30 million in the bank," he said, no doubt aware that the mere perception of success sells tickets, too.

Arum says his approach is that, for a "moderate" fee and a commitment to promote the fight, companies enjoy the publicity of being a part of his promotion.

"If they spend money on advertising their product, and mention the fight, it doesn't cost them any more and they feel they're getting more for their money," said Arum, who got Caesar's Palace to pay \$8 million to stage it.

Budweiser Breweries, which Arum says will spend \$5.5 million in advertising, will include a line in all its advertisements to remind people about the fight.

Coca Cola and Wendy's are teaming up to produce a commemorative fight glass, and one supermarket chain will print a pitch for the bout on till receipts.

Computer software firm Ashton-Tate has its own reasons for joining in.

"We were surprised to find that the cable-boxing fan is 18-35, college-educated, with a household income of \$50,000," marketing manager Floyd Miller told Reuters. That closely matches the company's customers.

Arum has sold the rights to produce commemorative coins of the fight, priced at up to \$650, and said he was hoping to make about \$1 million from T-shirts, jackets, caps and other souvenirs.

He even tried to sell a French company the right to put its logo on the boxer's gloves, but a last-minute snag killed the deal.

What about the shoeless, Bob? Can't you sell them too? "I'm waiting for an offer," he laughed.

## Esparragoza knocks out Renard in sixth round

NAMUR, Belgium, June 3, (Reuters) — Venezuela's Antonio Esparragoza retained his World Boxing Association (WBA) featherweight title for the fifth time yesterday, knocking out Belgian Jean-Marc Renard in the sixth round of a scheduled 12-round bout.

Esparragoza landed a thundering left-right combination on the chin of the relentlessly-attacking Renard, who dropped to his knees, tried to get up once but sank back again and was counted out by American referee Lou Moret after two minutes 20 seconds of the round.

"I had waited for a chance like that," said Esparragoza, who somersaulted on the canvas and climbed on the ropes to express his joy. "I had prepared my move in the first five rounds."

Two of the three judges had Renard leading after five rounds by a narrow 48-47 margin. The third deemed it a draw 48-48.

Renard stormed forward after the first round in search of a quick decision and repeatedly trapped the title-holder in a corner, unleashing punches to the head.

Moret halted the bout midway through the fourth round as Esparragoza was sent reeling into the ropes and called for the doctor to examine a cut in the Venezuelan's right eyebrow.

"That was a very difficult moment, but I recovered well," Esparragoza said.

Renard, 33, who had broken bones in his fists nine times in the past, resumed his attack in the fifth and sixth rounds but Esparragoza put an end to the fight with a left jab followed by a right hook to Renard's chin.

"I was electrified," said Renard, knocked out for the first time in his career. "I got too confident after the first five rounds."

Esparragoza now has a record of 27 wins inside the distance, one points victory, four draws and only one defeat, while Renard collected his fourth loss in 45 fights.

Esparragoza, who won the title from Mexico's Steve Cruz in March 1987, said earlier he had his sights set on a unification fight of the WBA and World Boxing Council (WBC) titles.

The WBC world title vacant when Australian Jeff Fenech announced his retirement in April.

## French team's mascot shot as health risk

HARLAXTON, England, June 3, (AP) — The soccer club from Pont Main, France, ended a goodwill visit to this English Midlands town without its rooster mascot. Local residents shot it.

Anxious villagers, hosting the Pont Main club as part of a programme to make the two towns sister cities, declared that the bird, named Claude, was a health risk and ordered post office worker Richard Eldred to blast it with a 12-gauge shotgun. "He didn't even have time to squawk at me in French," Eldred said. "I didn't like to kill it — perhaps it would have been appropriate to guillotine it instead."

Bob Allan, head of the Harlaxton host committee, said Claude's crowing had awakened villagers at 4 am. Among the first to complain were dentist Ian Brodie and his wife, Elizabeth.

"We came to the country for a bit of peace and quiet and then this cockerel (rooster) started crowing at an unhealthy hour of the morning," Mrs Brodie said.

She said the French club had allowed the bird to "run round the village and it was cruel ... we were only acting in the bird's best interests."

Eldred said the rooster escaped during a photo session prior to the match with the Harlaxton club, which Pont Main won 3-2.

## Soviets to bid for 1998 Games

MOSCOW, June 3, (AP) — Two Caucasus mountains ski resorts and a Central Asian city area vying for the opportunity to host the 1998 Winter Olympics, the newspaper Sovetskoy Sport said yesterday.

Bakuriani, a ski resort in Soviet Georgia, is bidding as a team with Tbilisi, the Georgian capital 180 kilometers to the east. Krasnaya Polyana, a mountain town near the Black Sea resort of Sochi is the second caucasus ski area trying to become the first Soviet host of the Winter Games.

Alma-Ata, the capital of Kazakhstan, is also on the list.

The article focused on Bakuriani, noting that it is located 28



## England outplay Poland

LONDON, June 3, (Reuters): Goals from Gary Lineker, John Barnes and Neil Webb swept England to a 3-0 over Poland today and transformed Peter Shilton's record-equalling appearance celebrations into a World Cup party.

Shilton, who matched Bobby Moore's England record of 108 international caps, had little to do as the hosts coasted to a comfortable victory to strengthen their grip in European qualifying Group Two.

Unbeaten England's win puts them two points clear of second-placed Sweden — whom they meet in Stockholm on September 6 — with seven points from four games. They have scored 10 goals and conceded none.

Poland, beaten 3-0 when the teams last met at the Mexico World Cup finals three years ago, never looked a match for a rampant England side who could have reached double figures.

The result leaves the Poles with a virtually impossible task of making the finals in Italy next year with two points from three games.

Lineker, who exploded on to the international scene with his hat-trick against Poland in the 1986 finals, struck after 23 minutes following a sustained period of England pressure.

Barnes and Webb completed the rout in the 70th and 82nd minutes as the Poles, desperate to salvage a point, fell apart at the back.

England threatened to overrun their visitors in a lively opening few minutes.

Throughout the first half Lineker had to withstand a series of clattering tackles from Damian Lukasik and, in the 10th minute, was ruthlessly flattened on the edge of box by goalkeeper Jaroslaw Bako after being sent clear by Peter Beardsley.

The bruising bodycheck earned the goalkeeper a booking, and a carbon copy move 13 minutes later resulted in England's first goal.

Barnes released Lineker, who surged into the box and attempted to sweep the ball past the oncoming Bako. The shot was parried but Lineker was quickest to react, scrambling up to reach the ball and turn it into the empty net from the finest of angles.

England should have increased their lead shortly afterwards as Lineker, Webb and Barnes all missed golden opportunities.

England continued to dominate in much the same way in the second half, with Chris Waddle's exquisite running on the right a cornerstone of many attacks.

But it was fullback Gary Stevens who found room on the right to cross perfectly to find Barnes at the far post for England's second goal in the 70th minute.

Poland continued to struggle as England surged forward repeatedly and sweeper Roman Wojcik set up England's third goal. His pass back to Bako was intercepted by Lineker before substitute David Rocastle picked out Webb, who fired home into another empty net.

## Spanish team signs Soviet basketball star

MADRID, Spain, June 3, (AP): Forum Filatelico de Valladolid has signed Soviet basketball star Arvidas Sabonis and his teammate Valdemaras Homicius to one-year contracts to play next season in the Spanish League, Sabonis told Spanish television (TVE) today.

Sabonis, in Spain with the Soviet team for several exhibition matches, told a TVE reporter: "I am going to play with Forum in Valladolid for one year and then I would

like to play in the NBA (US National Basketball Association)."

"Maybe I can play in the NBA," Sabonis added. "It's possible and I would like it."

The NBA's Portland Trailblazers hold draft rights to Sabonis in the US League. The sports daily Marco said Forum club president Gonzalo Gonzalo sealed the reported \$1 million deal yesterday.

It reported that negotiations were held

in Guadalajara, a town east of Madrid where the Soviet national team is expected to play an exhibition match tomorrow.

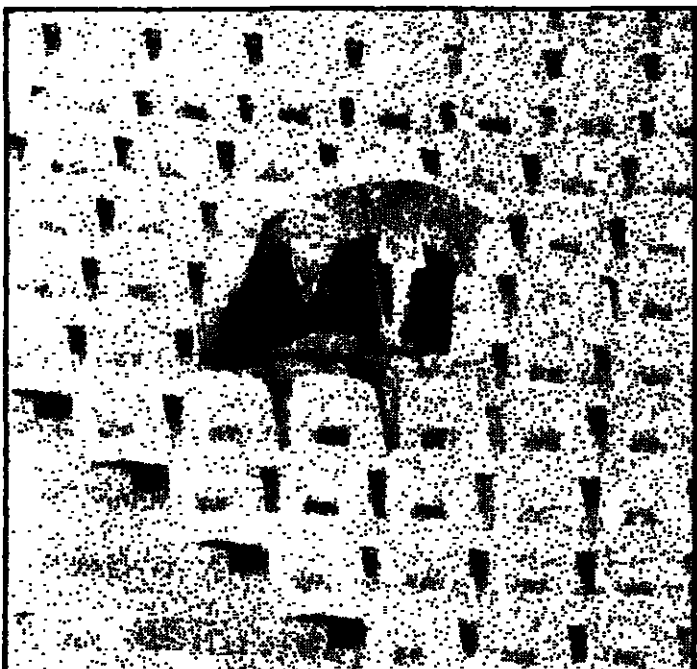
The deal means the two Soviets will be the first ever to play in Spain's Men's League. The paper said a men's Cologne firm was to pay a large part of Sabonis' contract in exchange for the player's appearances in product advertising. The paper said the terms of Homicius' contract were not known.

The paper said Sabonis and Homicius were likely to see a much smaller part of the money since the Soviet Basketball Federation and their Soviet team will get the largest sum.

Sabonis, a 7-foot, 3-inch centre, and Homicius, a 6-foot, three-inch guard, are friends and have been teammates with Zalgiris Kaunas team in the Soviet League.

## Sabatini rallies to edge Provis

### Hlasek fights back to tame Lavalle



Two spectators take shelter from the rain on Friday at the Roland Garros. (Reuters wirephoto)

PARIS, June 3, (AP): Gabriela Sabatini, three points from defeat, rallied to beat Nicole Provis of Australia 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 in the third round of the French Open tennis tournament today.

The second-seeded Argentine, bidding for her first Grand Slam tournament title, took advantage of two crucial lapses by her opponent to remain on course for a showdown with Steffi Graf in the final.

Graf is bidding for a sixth-straight Grand Slam tournament title. The 19-year-old West German needed only 62 minutes to blast Nicole Jagerman of the Netherlands 6-1, 6-2 in her latest match yesterday.

On the men's side, sixth-seeded Jacob Hlasek of Switzerland battled long today to reach the round of 16 with a 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 victory over Leonardo Lavalle of Mexico.

Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria, the No. 6 women's seed, had a far easier time as she dispatched Larissa Savchenko of the Soviet Union 6-1, 6-2.

Provis, a semifinalist last year, returned to the scene of her finest Grand Slam performance and for more than a set had Sabatini on the defensive.

After a tentative start, Provis moved from 1-3 to 5-4, pinning Sabatini with a mixture of penetrating groundstrokes and accurate volleys.

The Australian clinched the opening set by breaking Sabatini with four clean winners, then broke through again for a 2-0 lead in the second set.

But suddenly, after walloping winners round the court, Provis began to spray errors as Sabatini slowed the game down with spins, lobs and drop shots.

Yesterday the rain helped Boris Becker get booming again and brought out the best in Roland Agnir, but it turned Tim Mayotte into a loser.

Becker, the No. 2 men's seed, was struggling against British qualifier Jeremy Bates when their third-round match was halted yesterday after 47 minutes' play with the West German

ahead 5-4 in the opening set.

Five and half hours later, after Roland Garros had suffered its first soaking of the tournament, Becker and Bates resumed their match, and Becker, stepping up a gear, crushed Bates 7-5, 6-2, 6-1. He ended his 1989 match record to 31-4.

**Results**  
Prefix number denotes seeding: Goran Vanieric (Yugoslavia) beat Mark Woodford (Australia) 6-3, 6-4, 6-4; Lawson Dumas (US) beat Jerome Foster (France) 6-4, 6-6, 6-4; Jo-Anne Fassl (Australia) beat 16-Susan Sloane (US) 6-3, 6-1; 2-Gabriela Sabatini (Argentina) beat Nicole Provis (Australia) 4-6, 7-5, 6-3; 15-Mary-Joe Fernandez (US) beat Nigie Dias (Brazil) 6-7 (3-7), 6-1, 6-1; 6-Jacob Hlasek (Switzerland) beat Leonardo Lavalle (Mexico) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4; 6-Manuela Maleeva (Bulgaria) beat Larissa Savchenko (Soviet Union) 6-1, 6-2.

Sergio Bruguera (Spain) beat Karel Novacek (Czechoslovakia) 6-4, 6-1, 6-1; 6-3; Thierry Tulasne (France) beat Jean-Philippe Fleurian (France) 7-6 (7-4), 4-6, 6-0, 6-7 (5-7), 6-0; 11-Alberto Mancini (Argentina) beat Paul Haarhuis (Netherlands) 6-4, 6-4, 6-3; 4-Matt Wilander (Sweden) beat Omar Camporese (Italy) 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (7-2); 4-Amandi Coetzee (South Africa) beat Karine Quaresima (France) 7-6 (8-6), 6-1; Justin Thompson (Australia) beat Maarten Bolgraf (Netherlands) 6-3, 6-3.

## Botham in England 12 for first Test

LONDON, June 3, (Reuters): England have backed Ian Botham's match-winning reputation by including him in the 12 for the first Test against Australia beginning at Headingley on Thursday.

Botham, 33, played in the three-match one-day series against the touring team and Ted Dexter, chairman of the England selectors, said today: "His performance in those matches gave a good indication that he is returning to his best form."

"The selectors are happy that he can be expected to play his full role in all departments of the game."

Botham, who underwent a back operation 13 months ago, played the last of his 94 Tests

against Pakistan 22 months ago.

The Worcestershire all-rounder turned in match-winning performances when England played the Australians at Headingley in 1981 and 1985 and he said of his selection: "I'm delighted. If I do half as well this time I will be a happy man."

Botham's inclusion in the 12 means there is no place for Hampshire's Robin Smith, one of the best young batsmen in the country, who played in the one-day series.

As expected, opener Chris Broad returns after hitting three centuries for Nottinghamshire last week. He has scored four hundreds against the Australians in six Tests.

Broad's selection will give skipper David Gower, who opened in the limited overs mat-

ches, the chance to revert to his normal middle-order position.

With Graham Dilley not considered after his knee operation, England have enlisted Worcestershire swing bowler Phil Newport, who should make the most of the Headingley conditions.

Newport, who made his Test debut against Sri Lanka last August, is the country's leading wicket-taker with 35, 11 of them in Worcestershire's two-day win over Australia last month.

England 12: David Gower (captain), Chris Broad, Graham Gooch, Mike Gatting, Allan Lamb, Ian Botham, Jack Russell, Derek Pringle, John Emburey, Philip DeFreitas, Neil Foster, Phil Newport.

## Brazil name team for friendly

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 3, (Reuters): National soccer team coach Sebastiao Lazaroni yesterday named Brazil's 18-player list for next Thursday's friendly international against Portugal, including five Portuguese-based players.

Upon hearing shortly before announcing his list that PSV Eindhoven of the Netherlands had rescinded permission for striker Romario to face Portugal, Lazaroni called up midfielder Valdo, defenders Ricardo Gomes and Jose Mozer, all of Benfica, defender Branco of Porto and midfielder Silas, of Sporting Lisbon.

Lazaroni said his list was only

valid for next Thursday's match against Portugal, at the Maracana stadium here, and that a new list would be prepared for the three-match friendly European tour, set for later this month.

The Brazilians will play Sweden on June 16, Denmark on June 18 and Switzerland on June 21, as part of the preparations for the South America Cup, set for July 1-16 in Brazil.

Meanwhile rich European soccer clubs have opened their 'hunting season' for Brazilian players bringing panic to local team officials.

"Just now that we are about to enter the playoffs of the Rio de

Janeiro State League. These foreign teams come here to mess with ... our top players."

Flamengo club president Cardoso complained yesterday in a radio interview.

Cardoso's worries are justified: ever since mighty Bayern Munich of West Germany offered star striker Bebeto an estimated \$2 million for a three-year contract, a month ago, the player has not been the same.

Bebeto, whose finishing is clinical, remains the top individual scorer of the Rio League, with 15 goals, but only scored four times in the last eight matches, coincidence or not, after the Germans made the offer.

## Horse lifted off its feet

SHEFFIELD, England, June 3, (Reuters): Soccer fans outside the British stadium where 95 people died in a crowd surge last April were so tightly packed that they lifted a huge police horse off its feet, the inquiry into the disaster heard yesterday.

Inspector Paul Hand-Davis, the senior mounted policeman outside the Hillsborough stadium at Sheffield, said his horse Hussar, which weighs more than half a tonne, was immobilised by the crush of fans struggling to enter the ground.

"The horse was lifted by the crowd. He started to sway and I could tell his feet were not on the ground," he said.

## Chan stuns Qiao for singles crown

TOTTORI, Japan, June 3, (UPI): Hong Kong's Chan Tzu Lai upset world champion Qiao Hong of China in a nail-biting final today to win the women's singles title at the \$51,000 Japan Open table tennis championships.

Chan won the opening two sets, 21-16 and 22-20, but the Chinese star stormed back, capturing the third 21-14.

After the nip-and-tuck fourth set went to deuce, Chan edged by Qiao 23-21 for the victory and the \$10,000 winner's prize.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### English soccer

LONDON, June 3, (Reuters): English soccer authorities, seeking to improve crowd safety after the Hillsborough disaster, want an English club to experiment with pitch perimeter fencing used at some continental European grounds.

### Salonika win

MELBOURNE, Australia, June 3, (AP): Greek First Division soccer club Paok Salonika scored a 4-1 victory over an Australian select team last night to maintain its unbeaten record in Australia.

### US triumph

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, June 3, (Reuters): The US national team scored two goals in six minutes in an inspired first half to beat Portuguese champions Benfica 2-1 yesterday in the first round of a four team soccer tournament.

### John McEnroe

LONDON, June 3, (Reuters): American John McEnroe has been cleared to play in next week's Benson and Hedges tennis championships despite withdrawing from the French Open with a back injury.

### Title fight

TRANG, Thailand, June 3, (Reuters): Thai Sgt. Chitalada regained his World Boxing Council (WBC) flyweight title from previously undefeated South Korean Kim Yong Kang today on a split decision.

### Mark McNulty

WOBBURN, England, June 3, (Reuters): Zimbabwean golfer Mark McNulty said today he expected to know on Monday why his passport had been revoked.

### NHK Cup

KANAZAWA, Japan, June 3, (AP): Cuba lost the first set but fought back to beat the All-Japan team 9-15, 15-6, 15-6 today for their second win against no defeats in the NHK Cup women's volleyball competition.

### Ladies golf

KOBE, Japan, June 3, (AP): Taiwan's Chen Li-Ying shot a 72 for a two-round total of 142 that lifted her into the lead today going into the final round of the Mitsubishi Electric Ladies golf tournament.

### Nick Faldo

WOBBURN, England, June 3, (Reuters): Nick Faldo of Britain opened a one-shot lead with a second successive seven-under-par 65 on Saturday to move within sight of Masters double and back-to-back victories.

### NHL team

BLOOMINGTON, Minnesota, June 3, (AP): Minnesota North Stars owners George and Gordon Gund said yesterday they are committed to keeping the National Hockey League (NHL) team in Minnesota, despite losses of nearly \$10 million over the past two seasons.

### One-shot lead

SHIBATAMACHI, Japan, June 3, (AP): Norio Mikami today shot a 67 and moved ahead with a one-shot lead in the third round of the 50-million-yen (\$3,571,000) Sendai Hoso Classic golf tournament.

### 24-hour race

LONDON, June 3, (Reuters): Damon Hill follows in the footsteps of his late father Graham Hill when he makes his debut in the Le Mans 24-hour sports car race on June 10-11.

### Olympic effort

DES MOINES, Iowa, June 3, (UPI): New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner warned yesterday the US Olympic effort must be run like a business or the United States will see small nations "whipping our butts every four years."

### Volleyball stars

INGLEWOOD, California, June 3, (AP): Karch Kiraly, considered the world's best volleyball player, and Steve Timmons, who with Kiraly led the United States Olympic men's volleyball team to gold medals in 1984 and 1988, announced yesterday they are retiring from the national team effective next month.

### Winston Cup

DOVER, Delaware, June 3, (AP): Mark Martin won his fourth NASCAR Winston Cup pole of the season yesterday in qualifying for tomorrow's Budweiser 500 at Dover Downs International Speedway.

### Panamanian boxer

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic, June 3, (UPI): Panamanian boxer Roberto "Stone" Fiste, Duran, the four-time world champion, said yesterday that he will confront Sugar Ray Leonard in the ring "definitely some day this year."

### Amateur boxing

ATHENS, June 3, (Reuters): Fights in the World Amateur Boxing Championships in Moscow this September will last five rounds instead of the previous three, a leading boxing official said yesterday.

### W. German soccer

BONN, June 3, (Reuters): West German First-Division soccer results today:  
Borussia Dortmund 2-0 Bochum  
Bayern Munich 5-0 Bayer  
Hannover 2-0 Nuremberg  
Bayern 0-0 VfB Stuttgart  
Hamburg 1-0 Karlsruher  
Werder 1-0 Eintracht  
Borussia 1-0 Karlsruhe

### English soccer

LONDON, June 3, (Reuters): Results of English League soccer promotion playoff finals second-leg today:  
Division Two  
Crystal Palace 2 Blackburn 0 after extra time (90 minutes 2-0, Crystal Palace won 4-3 on aggregate)  
Division Three  
Port Vale 1 Bristol R 0  
(Port Vale won 2-1 on aggregate)  
Division Four  
Leyton Orient 2 Wrexham 1  
(Leyton Orient won 2-1 on aggregate)

## South African ban should stay: Sheppard

JOHANNESBURG, June 3, (Reuters): Former England Test cricketer David Sheppard, now the Anglican bishop of Liverpool, said yesterday a boycott of South African cricket should continue despite efforts to integrate the sport.

Sheppard, in South Africa to attend an Anglican synod in Durban, said he was encouraged by the efforts of the South African Cricket Union (SACU) to take cricket to black townships.

But he said these small beginnings were insufficient to allow South African cricket back into the international fold.

"The separation of boys in schools where black schools are greatly overcrowded while there are 270,000 empty places in white schools, means that non-racial cricket is impossible for most schoolboys in South Africa," Sheppard said in a statement.

"It is inconceivable to me that the international pressure for change to non-racial sport in South Africa would be relaxed at this moment in history," he added.

The International Cricket Conference (ICC), the sport's world governing body, in January imposed bans of up to five years on foreign players maintaining cricketing links with the white-led republic after April 1.

South Africa, in a bid to end its world sporting isolation, has launched a programme in black townships to encourage non-whites to play cricket and to back its assertion that the sport is run along non-racial lines.

Critics say South Africa should be isolated until apartheid race laws are abolished.

### Match drawn

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 3, (Reuters): Rain frustrated the Australian bowlers yesterday as the three-day cricket match against Warwickshire ended in a draw.

The game was abandoned at tea with Warwickshire 105 for three after being set an improbable victory target of 405.

## Maradona will join Marseille: Hidalgo



Maradona said to be negotiating with Marseille

PARIS, June 3, (Reuters): Argentina's World Cup captain Diego Maradona has begun negotiations to join French soccer champions Marseille, the club's sporting director Michel Hidalgo was quoted today as saying.

Maradona, who said last month he would stay with Italy's Napoli until 1993, would travel to the southern French city next Thursday to meet Marseille owner Bernard Tapie, L'Equipe sports daily quoted Hidalgo as saying.

French radio quoted club officials as saying a transfer of 40 million francs (\$6.3 million) was being discussed and Tapie had promised Maradona a job at the end of his soccer career as representative in Argentina for his massive business empire.

Hidalgo told L'Equipe he met Maradona with businessman Michel Basilevitch in Naples on Thursday evening. "He will be playing for Marseille next season," he said.

Asked if Maradona wanted to join Marseille, the former French national team coach replied: "Absolutely. He wants to with all his heart. In addition he will soon be telling his (Naples) team officials about his decision."

Hidalgo said the Argentine had told him he wanted a change of scene, and that he was attracted by the southern French city.

Maradona, 29, has had problems with Napoli club officials recently, but appeared to have settled a row with chairman Corrado Ferlaino when he said on May 14 that he would stay in Italy until his contract ended in 1993.

Hidalgo told L'Equipe he did not think the transfer fee would be a problem. Tapie is a charismatic multi-millionaire businessman as well as a leftist member of Parliament.

Tapie said after Marseille won the League championship last month that he was seeking to make big

investments in a bid to win the European Cup next season.

West Germans Klaus Allofs and Karl-Heinz Foerster already play for Marseille, although one of these would probably leave the club if Maradona joined.

Marseille have won the French championship six times since the side was formed in 1898. But the club has often been torn by internal rivalries, mirroring the passionate atmosphere of the Mediterranean city known for its gang warfare and international drug smuggling.

Hidalgo quoted Maradona as saying he wanted to help Marseille win the European Cup for the first time.

L'Equipe quoted Marseille officials as saying that Tapie was initially nervous about approaching Maradona, fearing his price would be too high.

But they said he had been surprised that Maradona was willing to leave Napoli for less than the \$7.5 million the Italian club paid Barcelona in 1984.

In Naples, Napoli officials gave little credence to the report, dismissing it initially as one of many rumours about Maradona's movements.

"Our response is to smile," a club spokesman said.

The spokesman said Napoli officials had not had an opportunity to speak to Maradona yet about the reported French move, adding that the Argentine captain had not appeared for training today.

He said Maradona had stated several times he would stay with Napoli until 1993 and that he looked on the southern Italian city as his second home.

Maradona has also said recently he hoped to end his career with Boca Juniors, his old Argentine club, after his contract with Napoli expired.

## Sunday Silence

Trainer Charlie Whittingham taking Sunday Silence for a walk at Belmont Park, New York, on Friday in preparation for the 121st running of the Belmont Stakes on June 10. Sunday Silence has already won the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Galetto tipped to win

CHANTILLY, France, June 3, (Reuters): Galetto looks likely to be the favourite to withstand a twin British challenge in the Prix du Jockey club — the French Derby — at Chantilly tomorrow.

Trained by Jacky Cunningham and ridden by Eric Legrix, Galetto is a speed horse who also stays and looks to have the perfect temperament for the one-and-a-half-mile course.

The British challenge in the 12-stone field is represented by Elmayer and Old Vic, Steve Cauthen's Chester Vase winner

who will be helped by any softening of the ground.

Champion French trainer Andre Fabre runs Dancethall, a relentless galloper who likes to attack from the front. He is unbeaten in five races but this is by far his hardest task yet.

Both Norberto and Louis Cyphre, whom Dancethall beat in a blanket finish for last month's Prix Hocquart, could reverse the form over this course and distance.

The best outsiders looks to be Pascal Bary's Sovereign Water.